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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index remained practically unchanged between December 1, 1955 and January 3, 1956, moving from 116.9 to 116.8. This was the fifth successive month in which the total index has shown almost no movement. On January 3, 1955, the index stood at 116.4. Current decreases in the Food and Household Operation indexes were sufficient to more than offset upward movements in the Shelter, Clothing and Other Commodities and Services indexes. The Food index declined 0.8 per cent from 112.4 to 111.5 as lower prices were reported for eggs, fresh and cured pork, and chocolate bars. Prices of other food items showed little change. The Shelter component advanced from 131.0 to 131.3 due to a small increase in rents and a slightly greater increase in the home-ownership component. The Clothing index moved from 108.5 to 108.6 largely as a result of higher prices for men's hats, and fractional increases in men's sweaters and shoes. A small drop in the Household Operation index from 116.6 to 116.5 resulted from lower prices for electrical appliances, domestic gas and electricity, which more than counterbalanced small increases in furniture, coal and cleaning supplies. The price of household help was up in some cities. The Other Commodities and Services index moved from 118.3 to 119.0 as increased prices for local transportation, prescriptions and toilet soap outweighed scattered minor decreases.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
January 3, 1956	116.8	111.5	131.3	108.6	116.5	119.0
December 1, 1955	116.9	112.4	131.0	108.5	116.6	118.3
January 3, 1955	116.4	112.1	128.4	108.1	117.1	118.2

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

The weekly composite index for thirty industrial materials advanced 0.5 per cent during the first month of 1956 to 246.0 for January 29th from 244.8 for December 30th. Commodity price changes were led by steel scrap, iron ore, sisal, and fir timber, followed by lesser increases for cottonseed oil, zinc, linseed oil, white lead, raw cotton, raw sugar, oats, hogs, steel sheets and wheat. Raw rubber, beef hides, tin, rosin and steers were lower.

Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets rose 0.4 per cent to 197.2 from 196.5 in the period under review. Field Products, notably potatoes, were firmer as the index advanced 2.7 per cent to 160.0 from 155.8. Higher prices in this group were also reported for Western flax and rye, and Eastern wheat, hay and corn, while the price for Eastern barley was slightly lower. Animal Products fell 1.2 per cent to 234.4 from 237.2 due to considerably lower prices for eggs and lesser decreases for steers and Eastern calves. On the other hand, increases were registered for lambs, raw wool, and Eastern hogs and cheesemilk.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	1955	1956						
	Dec. 30th	Jan. 6th	Jan. 13th	Jan. 20th	Jan. 27th	Jan. 1955	Dec. 1955	Jan.P 1956
Industrial Materials	244.8	244.8	245.0	246.3	246.0	225.9	244.2	245.5
Canadian Farm Products	196.5	195.3	195.0	197.1	197.2	207.4	197.1	196.2
Field	155.8	156.0	156.2	159.7	160.0	166.4	155.2	158.0
Animal	237.2	234.6	233.7	234.6	234.4	248.4	239.0	234.3

p - preliminary (average of four weeks)

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The composite Investors' weekly index of 96 common stocks at 245.6 on January 26th stood 1.3 per cent below the


December 29th index of 248.8. Strength in the week-to-week movements apparent in the first half of the month was, however, more than cancelled by a third-week drop. Among the major groups a similar pattern appeared for 76 Industrials which closed the month down 1.7 per cent at 253.6 compared to the December 29th index of 258.1. Thirteen Utilities were 0.8 per cent lower at 204.2 compared to 205.9, while 7 Bank issues were stronger, rising to 261.1 from 253.9 in the period under review. Only Textiles and Clothing showed a fractional net gain among sub-groups, while declines were led by Milling, Machinery and Equipment, and Transportation.

The composite index for 27 Mining issues declined 0.9 per cent between December 29th and January 26th to stand at 123.9 compared to 125.0. A drop of 2.3 per cent in Base Metals to 234.1 from 239.6 was only partially offset by the 1.2 per cent rise in 22 Gold issues to 75.8 from 74.9.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	1955	1956						
	Dec. 29th	Jan. 5th	Jan. 12th	Jan. 19th	Jan. 26th	Jan. 1955	Dec. 1955	Jan. 1956
Investors' Price Index								
96 Common Stocks	248.8	251.8	251.5	245.1	245.6	207.3	247.6	248.5
76 Industrials.....	258.1	261.6	260.3	252.7	253.6	211.0	257.0	257.0
13 Utilities.....	205.9	207.8	208.8	205.1	204.2	181.0	204.2	206.5
7 Banks	253.9	255.5	262.1	261.5	261.1	230.8	253.4	260.0
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	125.0	126.9	126.1	123.7	123.9	102.7	121.4	125.2
22 Golds	74.9	75.7	76.0	75.7	75.8	68.3	72.6	75.8
5 Base Metals.....	239.6	244.0	240.8	233.6	234.1	181.3	233.0	238.1
Government of Canada Long-Term Bonds - Yield Index¹	109.7	109.7	110.0	107.1	107.1	99.7	110.2	108.5

1. Yield Indexes based on rates as of Wednesday of each week.



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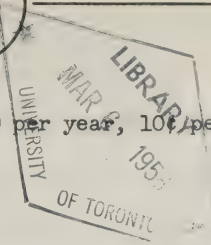
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

FEBRUARY 1956

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index decreased 0.3 per cent from 116.8 to 116.4 between January 3 and February 1, 1956. A year ago the index stood at 116.3. The current decline in the Food index was responsible for the drop in the total index, as the Shelter, Household Operation and Other Commodities and Services indexes moved up slightly and the Clothing index was unchanged. The Food index declined 1.4 per cent from 111.5 to 109.9. This was the largest decrease in more than two years and it brought this index to its lowest level since January 1951. Further decreases in eggs and pork cuts, combined with lower prices for all beef cuts, oranges, margarine, coffee, grapefruit and lettuce more than offset scattered increases including those for potatoes, tomatoes and apples. The Shelter index continued a long upward movement as it rose from 131.3 to 131.5. Both the rent and home-ownership components contributed to this latest increase. Clothing prices were generally stable and the Clothing index remained unchanged at 108.6. Minor increases and decreases affected only a few items. The Household Operation index advanced slightly from 116.5 to 116.7. Higher prices for coal, kitchen furniture, floor coverings and some kitchen utensils outweighed scattered decreases for a few other items. An advance of 0.3 per cent in the Other Commodities and Services index from 119.0 to 119.3 was attributable to higher fares for local transportation and increases in hospital rates.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
February 1, 1956	116.4	109.9	131.5	108.6	116.7	119.3
January 3, 1956	116.8	111.5	131.3	108.6	116.5	119.0
February 1, 1955	116.3	111.5	128.5	108.1	117.1	118.3

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

Industrial Material prices continued to advance during February as the composite index for 30 representative items moved up 1.3 per cent from 246.0 to 249.2 between the weeks of January 27th and February 24th. Ten of the thirty price series advanced, led by linseed oil, beef hides, copper, sisal and tin, followed by lesser increases for cottonseed oil, raw cotton, rayon yarn, oats and wheat. Among other commodity changes raw rubber dropped sharply while steers and hogs were also lower.

Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets registered a decrease of 0.7 per cent during February as the index declined from 197.2 for the week of January 27th to 195.8 for the week of February 24th. A decline in the Field Products index of 0.2 per cent from 160.0 on January 27th to 159.7 on February 24th reflected decreases in Ontario wheat and Eastern potatoes which overbalanced an exceptional price advance in Western potatoes and lesser increases in flax, rye, Ontario corn, oats and Western hay. Animal Products decreased 1.0 per cent during the period under review, from 234.4 to 232.0. In this group declines were recorded for Eastern fowl, steers and hogs at Toronto, steers, calves and lambs at Winnipeg, and Eastern cheesemilk. On the other hand, lambs and calves at Toronto, hogs at Winnipeg, and eggs on both Eastern and Western markets registered increases.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 27th	Feb. 3rd	Feb. 10th	Feb. 17th	Feb. 24th	Feb. 1955	Jan. 1956	Feb. ^P 1956
Industrial Materials	246.0	246.1	246.1	248.8	249.2	229.0	246.1	247.6
Canadian Farm Products	197.2	196.6	195.2	195.3	195.8	210.0 ^r	196.7	195.7
Field	160.0	159.7	159.5	159.4	159.7	174.2 ^r	158.4	159.6
Animal	234.4	233.4	230.9	231.1	232.0	245.8	235.0	231.8

p - preliminary (average of four weeks)

r - revised after interim wheat payment announced on February 10, 1956

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The recovery movement in common stock prices, interrupted in the opening month of 1956, continued in February. The Investors' composite index advanced from 245.6 for January 26th to 252.4 by February 23rd, supported by strength in all three major groups. Over the same period 76 Industrials changed from 253.6 to 261.8; 7 Banks from 261.1 to 266.8 and 13 Utilities from 204.2 to 205.1. Sub-group indexes, however, presented a mixed appearance as eight of the twelve advanced, led by increases of 6.5 per cent and 5.8 per cent respectively for Oils and Building Materials. Of the four groups which worked lower, losses were greatest for Textiles and Clothing, off 3.6 per cent, and for Milling, down 2.5 per cent. Mining stocks continued to strengthen as the composite index for 27 issues moved up 2.4 per cent from 123.9 to 126.9 between January 26th and February 23rd. The index for 5 Base Metals advanced 3.1 per cent from 234.1 to 241.3 while 22 Golds changed 1.5 per cent from 75.8 to 76.9.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 26th	Feb. 2nd	Feb. 9th	Feb. 16th	Feb. 23rd	Feb. 1955	Jan. 1956	Feb. 1956
Investors' Price Index								
96 Common Stocks	245.6	248.7	247.2	248.5	252.4	214.7	248.5	249.2
76 Industrials.....	253.6	257.5	255.8	257.2	261.8	219.2	257.0	258.1
13 Utilities.....	204.2	204.8	203.3	203.1	205.1	184.0	206.5	204.1
7 Banks	261.1	261.4	262.4	266.0	266.8	241.1	260.0	264.2
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	123.9	124.4	124.3	124.7	126.9	106.4	125.2	125.1
22 Golds	75.8	76.4	76.7	76.8	76.9	69.3	75.8	76.7
5 Base Metals	234.1	234.3	233.4	234.4	241.3	191.3	238.1	235.8
Government of Canada Long-Term Bonds - Yield Index¹	107.1	106.1	105.8	106.4	106.4	96.8	108.5	106.2 ⁽²⁾

1. Yield Indexes based on rates as of Wednesday of each week.

2. Average of four weeks.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

MARCH 1956

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index was unchanged at 116.4 between February 1 and March 1, 1956. A year ago it stood fractionally lower at 116.0. During this twelve month period, the index has reflected considerable stability of prices, and has ranged only about 1.0 per cent between 115.9 and 116.9. In the current month, slight increases in the Shelter, Clothing, Household Operation and Other Commodities and Services indexes were offset by a decrease of 0.7 per cent in the Food index from 109.9 to 109.1. This marks the lowest point the Food index has reached in five years, and it now stands about nine per cent above its pre-Korean level. Between February 1 and March 1, 1956, there were further price decreases for all cuts of beef and most other meat items, together with lower prices for processed cheese, lard, shortening and most canned fruits. Somewhat higher prices were recorded for oranges, coffee, eggs, and some fresh vegetables. The Shelter series remained practically unchanged, moving from 131.5 to 131.6, following fractional increases in both rent and home-ownership components. Small scattered increases among clothing items were sufficient to move the Clothing index from 108.6 to 108.7. The Household Operation component also advanced 0.1 per cent from 116.7 to 116.8 under the influence of a few small increases. Higher prices for new passenger cars as compared to those prevailing last autumn, as well as higher quotations for automobile tires and repairs, and hospital rates, were responsible for moving the Other Commodities and Services Index from 119.3 to 119.9.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
March 1, 1956	116.4	109.1	131.6	108.7	116.8	119.9
February 1, 1956	116.4	109.9	131.5	108.6	116.7	119.3
March 1, 1955	116.0	110.7	128.6	108.0	117.0	118.3

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

The weekly composite index for thirty industrial material prices at wholesale declined 0.2 per cent from 249.2 to 248.8 between February 24th and March 23rd. Price declines for sisal, tin, raw cotton and steers overbalanced increases for linseed oil, oats, beef hides, wheat, raw sugar and raw rubber.

Canadian farm products at terminal markets advanced 1.2 per cent in the period under review as the composite index changed from 195.8 to 198.1. A rise of 3.9 per cent in the Field Products index from 159.7 to 165.9 reflected a sharp increase in Eastern potato prices and lesser gains for Ontario barley, corn and wheat, and Western hay, rye and potatoes. Eastern hay and Western flax, on the other hand, registered losses. The Animal Products index decline of 0.7 per cent from 232.0 to 230.3 represented lower prices for calves, hogs, steers, Eastern lambs and wool, which overbalanced increases for eggs, Eastern poultry and cheesemilk and Western lambs.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939=100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 24th	Mar. 2nd	Mar. 9th	Mar. 16th	Mar. 23rd	Mar. 1955	Feb. 1956	Mar. ^p 1956
Industrial Materials	249.2	249.6	249.4	249.2	248.8	229.9	247.2	249.2
Canadian Farm Products	195.8	195.3	195.5	196.8	198.1	207.0	195.9	196.4
Field.....	159.7	159.8	160.2	161.5	165.9	172.7	159.5	161.8
Animal.....	232.0	230.8	230.7	232.0	230.3	241.3	232.3	231.0

p - preliminary (average of four weeks)

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 96 common stock issues rose

7.4 per cent from 252.4 to 271.2 between February 23rd

and March 22nd to register the sharpest advance over a four-week period since February 1951. All group indexes were higher: 76 Industrials advanced 8.6 per cent from 261.8 to 284.3, 13 Utilities 3.0 per cent from 205.1 to 211.3, and 7 Banks 4.4 per cent from 266.8 to 278.5. Increases of 11.5 and 10.9 per cent for Oils, and Machinery and Equipment respectively, were followed by major gains in Industrial Mines, Transportation, Building Materials, Pulp and Paper, and Textiles and Clothing. Only Telephones, down fractionally, failed to share the general upward movement. Mining stocks were also appreciably stronger as the composite index for 27 issues rose 9.0 per cent from 126.9 to 138.3 in the period under review, reflecting gains of 12.3 per cent for 5 Base Metals from 241.3 to 271.1, and 4.4 per cent for 22 Golds from 76.9 to 80.3.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 23rd	Mar. 1st	Mar. 8th	Mar. 15th	Mar. 22nd	Mar. 1955	Feb. 1956	Mar. ⁽²⁾ 1956
Investors' Price Index								
96 Common Stocks	252.4	257.5	264.9	269.9	271.2	213.7	249.2	265.9
76 Industrials.....	261.8	267.8	277.0	283.3	284.3	218.0	258.1	278.1
13 Utilities.....	205.1	207.5	209.9	210.6	211.3	185.2	204.1	209.8
7 Banks	266.8	269.0	270.1	272.4	278.5	236.5	264.2	272.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	126.9	128.1	131.0	136.2	138.3	105.7	125.1	133.4
22 Golds	76.9	77.7	77.7	80.9	80.3	69.0	76.7	79.2
5 Base Metals	241.3	243.5	252.9	262.7	271.1	189.6	235.8	257.6
Government of Canada Long-Term Bonds - Yield Index¹	106.4	106.1	106.7	107.7	107.4	95.9	106.2	107.3 ⁽³⁾

1. Yield Indexes based on rates as of Wednesday of each week.

2. Average of four weeks.

3. Average of three weeks.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

APRIL 1956

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index registered a slight gain between the beginning of March and April 1956, moving from 116.4

to 116.6. A year ago it stood at 116.1. Current increases in the Food, Shelter and Other Commodities and Services indexes were more than sufficient to offset a decrease in the Household Operation index. The Clothing index was unchanged. A rise in the Food index from 109.1 to 109.7 followed a series of moderate declines, unbroken since September 1955. A substantial increase in the price of potatoes, together with higher prices for other fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs, coffee and cheese, more than outweighed further decreases for all beef and pork cuts and margarine. The Shelter index advanced from 131.6 to 131.9 as a result of increases in both the home-ownership and rent components. The Clothing index remained unchanged at 108.7 between March and April 1956, as slight increases affecting footwear, men's topcoats and hats, were counterbalanced by scattered decreases for women's spring coats, hosiery and boys' cotton sport shirts. The Household Operation index declined slightly from 116.8 to 116.6. Decreases in most appliance prices and some household supplies more than offset increases for some items of furniture, floor coverings and lawnmowers. The Other Commodities and Services index rose from 119.9 to 120.1 as higher prices were reported for automobile licenses, doctors' and dentists' fees. Prices for radios and some magazines were lower.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
April 1956	116.6	109.7	131.9	108.7	116.6	120.1
March 1956	116.4	109.1	131.6	108.7	116.8	119.9
April 1955	116.1	111.0	128.7	107.9	116.9	118.2

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

The weekly composite index for thirty industrial materials edged downward during April, declining

0.1 per cent from 249.0 to 248.8 in the four-week period from March 30th to April 27th. Declines were noted in price quotations for raw rubber, oats, tin, sisal, hogs, iron ore and pulp sulphite. Fractional weakness in United States funds was a depressant in several instances. Among other commodity changes, the price of steel scrap moved up sharply, followed by lesser increases for steers, raw cotton, raw sugar and wheat.

Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets, in a continuation of the intermittent upward trend apparent in the first three months of this year, again advanced fractionally in April. In the four-week period March 30th to April 27th, the composite index rose 0.9 per cent from 199.3 to 201.0. Field and Animal prices on both Eastern and Western markets were generally higher. The index for Field Products moved up 1.0 per cent from 167.6 to 169.2, reflecting higher prices for potatoes, rye, Western hay and flax, and Eastern corn, barley and wheat. Over the same period, Animal Products recorded an index gain of 0.8 per cent from 231.0 to 232.9, as price increases occurred in eggs, lambs, steers, Western calves, and Eastern poultry and hogs. Declines were registered on Eastern markets for calves, cheesemilk and fluid milk, while in the West, hogs, butterfat and raw wool were lower.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939=100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Mar. 30th	Apr. 6th	Apr. 13th	Apr. 20th	Apr. 27th	Apr. 1955	Mar. 1956	Apr. ^P 1956
Industrial Materials	249.0	249.0	248.5	249.3	248.8	233.1	248.8	248.9
Canadian Farm Products	199.3	199.6	199.3	200.4	201.0	216.1	197.5	200.1
Field.....	167.6	167.6	167.8	168.7	169.2	193.4	164.0	168.3
Animal.....	231.0	231.6	230.9	232.1	232.9	238.7	231.1	231.9

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: Common stock prices reached a new high in the first week
(1935-1939 = 100)

of April as the Investors' Index of 96 issues touched 276.0. Thereafter, an easier tendency was in evidence and in the four-week period, March 29th to April 26th, the index moved down 1.8 per cent from 275.9 to 270.8. Losses occurred in all major groups: 76 Industrials declined 1.7 per cent from 288.9 to 283.9; 13 Utilities 2.5 per cent from 211.7 to 206.5; and 7 Banks 2.0 per cent from 293.9 to 288.1. Decreases in sub-groups were led by Milling, Foods and Allied Products, and Textiles and Clothing, followed by relatively minor losses in all but two of the remaining sub-groups. Pulp and Paper and Power and Traction moved against the trend to register small net increases. Mining stocks were fractionally lower as the composite index declined 0.9 per cent from 138.2 to 136.9, reflecting losses of 1.6 per cent for gold issues from 80.3 to 79.0, and 0.4 per cent in base metals from 270.7 to 269.5.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Mar. 29th	Apr. 5th	Apr. 12th	Apr. 19th	Apr. 26th	Apr. 1955	Mar. 1956	Apr. 1956
Investors' Price Index								
96 Common Stocks	275.9	276.0	272.7	272.6	270.8	216.5	267.9	273.0
76 Industrials.....	288.9	289.3	285.9	285.6	283.9	222.0	280.3	286.2
13 Utilities.....	211.7	210.6	210.7	209.3	206.5	185.6	210.2	209.3
7 Banks	293.9	294.2	283.6	288.8	288.1	233.0	276.8	288.7
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	138.2	138.3	135.0	137.2	136.9	110.2	134.4	136.8
22 Golds	80.3	80.1	78.0	78.3	79.0	71.1	79.4	78.8
5 Base Metals	270.7	271.6	265.4	272.2	269.5	199.8	260.2	269.7
Government of Canada Long-Term Bonds - Yield Index¹	109.7	110.6	111.6	114.2	not avail.	95.2	107.9	112.1 ²

1. Commencing March 29th, yield indexes are based on rates as of Thursday of each week.
2. Average of three weeks.

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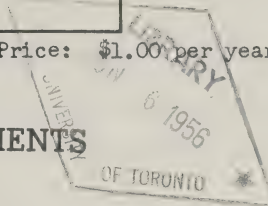
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MAY 1956



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Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
May 1956	116.6	109.3	132.1	108.8	116.5	120.5
April 1956	116.6	109.7	131.9	108.7	116.6	120.1
May 1955	116.4	112.3	128.8	107.9	116.4	118.3

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

Industrial material prices rose fractionally
in the four-week period April 27th to May 25th,

from 248.8 to 249.1. Items registering price advances were steers and hogs at Toronto, oats, cottonseed oil, sisal, bituminous coal, raw sugar and wheat. Declines occurred in beef hides, raw rubber, raw cotton, linseed oil, iron ore, sulphite woodpulp, and tin ingots. Weakness in several commodities reflected further weakness in the United States dollar.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets rose 5.8 per cent in the period under review, from 201.0 to 212.7. Field Products gained 7.2 per cent as the index changed from 169.2 to 181.4, reflecting further sharp price increases for potatoes, particularly on Eastern markets. Moderate advances also occurred in Ontario barley, wheat and corn, while lower quotations were received for rye, Western hay and flax. In Animal Products, up 4.8 per cent from 232.9 to 244.0, higher prices were reported for Eastern spring lambs; steers and hogs, both East and West; Eastern poultry and Western eggs. Partially offsetting price declines occurred in calves, Eastern eggs, Western lambs, fluid milk and Eastern cheesemilk.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Apr. 27th	May 4th	May 11th	May 18th	May 25th	May 1955	Apr. 1956	May ^P 1956
Industrial Materials	248.8	248.0	248.2	248.5	249.1	233.2	248.9	248.4
Canadian Farm Products	201.0	201.7	206.1	210.0	212.7	220.9 ^r	200.4	207.6
Field	169.2	169.8	174.6	181.7	181.4	198.5 ^r	168.7	176.9
Animal	232.9	233.7	237.6	238.4	244.0	243.4	232.0	238.4

p - preliminary

r - revised to incorporate final payment for Western wheat, oats and barley for crop year Aug. 1954-July 1955. These revisions will be published in Prices and Price Indexes, May 1956.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 96 common stocks declined 3.8 per cent from 270.8 to 260.6 in the four-week period April 26th to May 24th. The week-to-week movement was again one of initial strength followed by continued weakness in the last three weeks. Two of the three major groups showed declines of similar magnitude: 76 Industrials receded 3.6 per cent from 283.9 to 273.7, while 13 Utilities fell 3.0 per cent from 206.5 to 200.4. The Bank group, however, which has declined for five straight weeks, fell 7.1 per cent in the four-week comparison, from 288.1 to 267.7. All sub-groups were lower with the exception of Power and Traction, which rose fractionally. Declines were led by Transportation, down 8.2 per cent, Building Materials 7.8 per cent, Beverages 6.4 per cent, Textiles and Clothing 5.8 per cent, and Milling 4.9 per cent. The composite index of 26 mining issues declined 2.6 per cent in the period under review, from 136.9 to 133.3. Losses occurred in both groups: 21 Golds fell 3.2 per cent from 79.0 to 76.5, and 5 Base Metals 2.3 per cent from 269.5 to 263.4.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Apr. 26th	May 3rd	May 10th	May 17th	May 24th	May 1955	Apr. 1956	May ¹ 1956
Investors' Price Index								
96 Common Stocks	270.8	276.2	272.5	269.5	260.6	222.1	273.0	269.7
76 Industrials.....	283.9	291.4	287.6	284.4	273.7	227.8	286.2	284.3
13 Utilities.....	206.5	207.2	206.3	205.1	200.4	191.7	209.3	204.8
7 Banks	288.1	283.0	273.6	269.1	267.7	234.4	288.7	273.4
Mining Stock Price Index								
26 Stocks.....	136.9	139.5	137.7	137.8	133.3	114.2	136.8	137.1
21 Golds	79.0	81.0	80.0	79.3	76.5	72.8	78.8	79.2
5 Base Metals.....	269.5	273.5	269.8	271.6	263.4	209.0	269.7	269.6
Government of Canada Long-Term Bonds - Yield Index	not published	116.5	116.2	115.5	115.5	96.2	112.1	115.9

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 1.0 per cent from 116.6 to 117.8 between May and June 1956. This was the largest monthly increase in the index in several years and compares with an index of 115.9 a year ago. Although four of the five component groups moved higher in the current period, the increase in the total index was almost entirely due to a sharp advance in the food series. Foods rose 2.9 per cent from 109.3 to 112.5 on the strength of an exceptionally strong seasonal increase in potatoes, combined with increases in coffee, fresh fruits and vegetables, and all meat items. The Shelter index moved up 0.4 per cent from 132.1 to 132.6 as a result of increases in both the rent and home-ownership components. The advance in the rent index reflected changes associated with the traditional May first moving date. The Household Operation index increased fractionally from 116.5 to 116.7 under the influence of higher prices for laundry and dry cleaning, floor coverings, utensils and equipment, and shoe repairs. Further seasonal declines in coal prices were reported. The Other Commodities and Services index moved from 120.5 to 120.6 as further price increases for men's haircuts, as well as higher quotations for personal care items and bus fares, proved more important than minor decreases for camera film and gasoline. Clothing decreased from 108.8 to 108.6 as lower prices for women's and children's wear groups were only partially offset by increases for men's shoes.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
June 1956	117.8	112.5	132.6	108.6	116.7	120.6
May 1956	116.6	109.3	132.1	108.8	116.5	120.5
June 1955	115.9	111.0	129.2	107.8	116.1	117.8

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

Industrial material prices decreased 0.1 per cent from 249.1 to 248.9 in the four-week period

May 25th to June 22nd. Reflected in the change were declines of 10.9 per cent for steel scrap and 7.3 per cent for linseed oil, followed by lesser decreases for sisal, oats, steers, copper, tin, iron ore, bleached sulphite pulp and raw sugar. The prices of some items reflected the improvement of the Canadian dollar on the foreign exchange market. Offsetting these decreases was a rise of 13.4 per cent in hog prices, followed by lesser increases for raw cotton, raw wool, beef hides and raw rubber.

The index of Canadian Farm Products on Terminal markets rose 2.3 per cent in the period under review from 212.7 to 217.5. Gains were concentrated largely in the Animal Products sector where the index rose 3.6 per cent, from 244.0 to 252.9. In addition to spring lambs which came on the Western market at sharply higher prices, major gains were noted for hogs, eggs, and Western steers, while Eastern cheesemilk moved up slightly. Partially offsetting were lower prices for Western calves, and in the East, for poultry, lambs, calves, steers and butterfat. The index for Field Products rose fractionally from 181.4 to 182.0 reflecting further sharp increases for Western potatoes in addition to moderate increases for Eastern wheat, potatoes, hay and rye. Declines in this group were registered by Western flax, hay and rye and Eastern barley, tobacco and corn.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 25	June 1st	June 8th	June 15th	June 22nd	June 1955	May 1956	June ^p 1956
Industrial Materials	249.1	247.8	250.0	248.2	248.9	236.2	247.8	249.0
Canadian Farm Products	212.7	215.6	217.0	216.7	217.5	219.7	207.7	216.7
Field	181.4	180.2	181.8	182.4	182.0	189.4	177.5	181.6
Animal	244.0	251.0	252.2	251.1	252.9	250.0	238.0	251.8

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SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 96 common stocks presented an unsteady advance over the four-week period May 24th to June 21st as the series changed from 260.6 to 267.9, for an increase of 2.8 per cent. Among the three major groups, Industrials registered the only increase as this index moved up 3.8 per cent from 273.7 to 284.2. Following a seven-week decline, seven Banks rallied slightly in the last two weeks, but closed the four-week period 2.4 per cent lower. The drop from 267.7 to 261.3 brought this group index to a level 11.2 per cent below the April 5th high of 294.2. Weakness was also evident in Utilities which declined 0.4 per cent in the period under review from 200.4 to 199.5. The Utilities index is currently 5.8 per cent below the 1956 peak of 211.7 touched the week of March 29th, and 6.8 per cent under the all time high of 214.1 reached July 28th, 1955. Increases in seven sub-group indexes were led by Oils (9.0 per cent), Machinery and Equipment (3.7), and Power and Traction (3.7), while declines occurred in five sub-groups, headed by Milling (3.4 per cent), Telephone (3.3), and Pulp and Paper (1.8). Mining stocks increased 3.8 per cent in the period under review, from 133.3 to 138.4, due mainly to strength in five Base Metals which advanced 6.1 per cent from 263.4 to 279.4. The index for 21 Gold stocks rose fractionally from 76.5 to 76.8 in the same interval.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 24th	May 31st	June 7th	June 14th	June 21st	June 1955	June 1956	June ⁽¹⁾ 1956
Investors' Price Index								
96 Common Stocks	260.6	263.6	265.3	264.6	267.9	237.1	268.5	265.9
76 Industrials.....	273.7	277.6	281.0	279.9	284.2	244.4	282.9	281.7
13 Utilities.....	200.4	201.9	200.1	199.9	199.5	202.9	204.2	199.8
7 Banks	267.7	265.0	258.4	259.9	261.3	243.3	271.7	259.9
Mining Stock Price Index								
26 Stocks.....	133.3	134.0	134.5	135.9	138.4	121.5	136.5	136.3
21 Golds	76.5	77.1	77.3	76.7	76.8	75.9	78.8	76.9
5 Base Metals.....	263.4	264.2	265.5	271.5	279.4	226.0	268.5	272.1
Government of Canada Long-Term Bonds - Yield Index	With this issue the publication of yield series has been discontinued.							

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

JULY 1956

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.6 per cent from 117.8 to 118.5 between June and July 1956 to reach a level slightly above the previous post-war peak of 118.2 in January 1952. The current increase was almost entirely attributable to a rise of 1.7 per cent in foods, a large portion of which was seasonal. Over half of the increase in the Food index from 112.5 to 114.4 was due to an abnormal seasonal advance of over 25 per cent in the price of potatoes. Higher prices were also recorded for eggs, coffee, margarine, bread, tomatoes, and all cuts of meats. The Shelter index moved from 132.6 to 132.7 with both the rent and home-ownership components rising fractionally. The Clothing index was unchanged at 108.6 as slight increases and decreases balanced each other. The Household Operation index was unchanged at 116.7, higher appliance prices being offset by scattered decreases. Other Commodities and Services advanced from 120.6 to 121.1 under the influence of higher local transportation fares and newspaper rates which were partially counterbalanced by declines in new automobile prices.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
July 1956	118.5	114.4	132.7	108.6	116.7	121.1
June 1956	117.8	112.5	132.6	108.6	116.7	120.6
July 1955	116.0	111.5	129.6	107.8	115.8	117.7

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

Industrial material prices decreased 1.0

per cent from 249.4 to 246.9 in the period

from June 29th to July 27th, reflecting price declines for copper, linseed oil, raw cotton, beef hides, steel scrap, cottonseed oil, sisal, wheat and raw rubber. Items for which prices were higher were hogs, spruce lumber, oats, steers, tin, raw sugar, iron ore and bleached sulphite pulp. Strength in some commodities reflected strength in the United States dollar.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices on terminal markets advanced 5.1 per cent from 219.6 to 230.8 between June 29th and July 27th. Field Products rose 10.0 per cent from 184.7 to 203.2 as potato prices were again sharply higher. Moderate increases were also noted for rye and Ontario corn, while prices declined for Ontario wheat (new crop) and barley, and Western hay and flax. The Animal Products index moved up 1.5 per cent from 254.6 to 258.3. Offsetting price movements in this sector included increases for hogs, eggs, wool, Eastern steers and cheesemilk, which overbalanced declines for Eastern poultry and Western calves and lambs.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 29th	July 6th	July 13th	July 20th	July 27th	July 1955	June 1956	July ^p 1956
Industrial Materials	249.4	248.3	248.7	247.2	246.9	237.1	248.5	247.8
Canadian Farm Products	219.6	222.5	226.1	228.1	230.8	213.1	217.2	226.9
Field	184.7	189.1	195.8	199.6	203.2	176.7	182.6	196.9
Animal	254.6	255.9	256.4	256.7	258.3	249.5	251.7	256.8

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SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 96 common stocks advanced strongly between the weeks of June 28th and July 26th, rising 6.0

per cent from 270.2 to a new high of 286.4. The gains were shared by all three major groups. The index for 7 Banks climbed 11.8 per cent from 263.2 to 294.2 to regain the April 5th high level which had been followed by a 7-week slump, ending with a low of 258.4 in the first week of June. In the period under review, 13 Utilities rose 6.3 per cent from 199.6 to 212.2, the highest level since the week of September 8, 1955 when the index stood at 212.8, and slightly above the more recent peak of 211.7 in the week of March 29th. A new high was touched by the index for 76 Industrials which rose 5.4 per cent from 287.1 to 302.7 in the 4-week period. All sub-groups advanced led by Power and Traction, Milling, Foods and Allied Products, Building Materials, Oils and Machinery and Equipment.

The composite index for 26 mining stocks rose 6.9 per cent from 136.7 to 146.2, reflecting a gain of 8.1 per cent for 5 Base Metals, from 276.0 to 298.3, and 5.0 per cent for 21 Gold issues from 75.9 to 79.7.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 28th	July 5th	July 12th	July 19th	July 26th	July 1955	June 1956	July 1956
Investors' Price Index								
96 Common Stocks	270.2	277.4	281.8	284.1	286.4	246.5	267.0	282.4
76 Industrials.....	287.1	294.4	298.5	300.6	302.7	252.8	283.0	299.0
13 Utilities.....	199.6	203.0	206.9	209.5	212.2	208.9	199.8	207.9
7 Banks	263.2	278.7	286.5	290.4	294.2	270.6	260.7	287.4
Mining Stock Price Index								
26 Stocks.....	136.7	140.4	143.0	146.2	146.2	125.7	136.4	144.0
21 Golds	75.9	77.7	79.8	80.7	79.7	75.0	76.7	79.5
5 Base Metals.....	276.0	283.9	287.8	296.1	298.3	241.8	273.1	291.5

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.5 per cent between July and August 1956 to reach a new high of 119.1. The August index stands 2.3 per cent above the level of a year ago. The latest movement was largely due to a 1.3 per cent advance in the Food index from 114.4 to 115.9, which approximated the usual July-August seasonal increase. The advance was somewhat greater than normal because of an unusually firm price for tomatoes, due to the late growing season, which was only partially offset by a sharp decrease in potatoes from the abnormal high of July to a level still appreciably above average August prices. Higher prices were recorded for eggs, all cuts of meat, coffee, and grapefruit. Significant decreases were confined to oranges and fresh vegetables. The Shelter component moved up 0.2 per cent to 133.0 under the influence of fractional changes in both rent and home-ownership. Clothing was the only major group to register a decline, moving down 0.2 per cent from 108.6 to 108.4. Lower prices for women's spring coats and cotton dresses, reflecting summer sale prices, were largely responsible. Somewhat higher levels were recorded for footwear, rayon piece goods, and men's work trousers and undershirts. The Household Operation index rose slightly from 116.7 to 116.8. Higher prices for soaps, detergents, a number of kitchen utensils and coal were just sufficient to offset declines in furniture. Other Commodities and Services advanced from 121.1 to 121.3. Hospitals in a number of eastern cities reported increased rates. Gasoline prices also increased in Eastern Canada. Some drug and personal care items were higher as were men's haircuts.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
August 1956	119.1	115.9	133.0	108.4	116.8	121.3
July 1956	118.5	114.4	132.7	108.6	116.7	121.1
August 1955	116.4	112.4	129.8	107.8	115.8	118.0

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

Industrial material prices, reversing their decline of the previous month, advanced 1.1 per cent in the four-week period July 27th to August 24th from 246.9 to 249.5. Steel component items showed important increases while raw rubber, beef hides, steers, linseed oil and tin also moved up. Items registering declines were hogs, fir timber, oats, raw cotton, sisal, wheat, iron ore and bleached sulphite pulp. A strengthening Canadian dollar was a factor in lowering prices for those commodities quoted in United States funds.

The index for Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets fell from a seasonal summer high of 230.8 for the week of July 27th to 211.4 for the week of August 24th for a net loss of 8.4 per cent. The decline in the Field Products group of 19.0 per cent from 203.2 to 164.6, which was chiefly responsible, reflected a rapid drop in potato prices as supply/demand ratios assumed a more normal pattern. Other items registering decreases were hay, Eastern rye and oats and Western wheat. The decline in the average price for the three included grades of Western wheat reflected a lower initial payment for No. 3 Manitoba Northern as announced by the Canadian Wheat Board for the 1956-1957 crop year. Eastern corn advanced strongly while more moderate gains occurred in barley, Eastern wheat and Western flax and rye. The Animal Products group index receded 0.1 per cent from 258.3 to 258.1 as lower prices for lambs, Eastern poultry, hogs, Western calves and cheese milk were almost entirely offset by increases in steers and eggs, Eastern calves and Western wool.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 27th	Aug. 3rd	Aug. 10th	Aug. 17th	Aug. 24th	Aug. 1955	July 1956	Aug. ^p 1956
Industrial Materials	246.9	247.1	249.9	249.8	249.5	240.9	247.4	249.1
Canadian Farm Products	230.8	221.3	216.7	212.2	211.4	204.8	226.6	215.4
Field	203.2	183.3	175.5	167.0	164.6	159.0	196.9	172.6
Animal	258.3	259.2	258.0	257.4	258.1	250.6	256.4	258.2

p - preliminary, average of four weeks

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The summer rally in common stock prices was terminated on August 9th as the Investors' Index touched 297.8 for a gain of 12.5 per cent over the June 14th level of 264.6. Lower prices through the remainder of August reduced the composite index to 288.6 by the week of the 23rd when, however, it still held a net gain of 0.8 per cent over the final weekly July figure of 286.4. Among the major groups 76 Industrials followed a similar pattern, registering a 12.9 per cent increase from the June 14th level of 279.9 to 315.9 at August 9th and a net gain of 0.9 per cent in the four-week period July 26th - August 23rd from 302.7 to 305.3. The index for 13 Utilities, which moved up 9.8 per cent from 199.5 to 219.0 in a seven-week rise from June 21st to August 9th, showed a net four-week gain of 1.6 per cent from 212.2 to 215.5. For 7 Bank stocks the index reached its peak in the first week of August at 304.7 ending an eight-week advance of 17.9 per cent. Subsequently lower prices moved the index down to 289.0 by the week of August 23rd for a net loss of 1.8 per cent compared to the final weekly July figure of 294.2. Sub-groups registering gains over the four-week period were Transportation (8.3), Industrial Mines (4.6), Oils (3.5) and Telephones (0.6), while decreases in the remaining sub-groups were led by Textiles and Clothing (3.8), Pulp and Paper (3.4), and Beverages (2.9).

The composite index of 26 mining issues was fractionally higher in the four-week period at 146.4 compared to 146.2, as an 0.9 per cent increase in 5 Base Metals from 298.3 to 301.0 slightly overbalanced the 1.0 per cent decline in 21 Gold stocks from 79.7 to 78.9.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

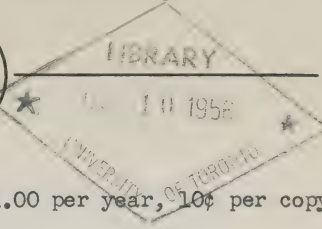
	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 26th	Aug. 2nd	Aug. 9th	Aug. 16th	Aug. 23rd	Aug. 1955	July 1956	Aug. (1) 1956
Investors' Price Index								
96 Common Stocks	286.4	297.3	297.8	293.8	288.6	245.3	282.4	294.4
76 Industrials.....	302.7	315.4	315.9	311.2	305.3	252.3	299.0	312.0
13 Utilities.....	212.2	215.6	219.0	217.1	215.5	207.0	207.9	216.8
7 Banks.....	294.2	304.7	298.2	296.3	289.0	263.2	287.4	297.0
Mining Stock Price Index								
26 Stocks.....	146.2	148.9	149.4	148.3	146.4	129.1	144.0	148.2
21 Golds	79.7	79.8	80.1	80.7	78.9	76.3	79.5	79.9
5 Base Metals.....	298.3	307.2	308.2	303.0	301.0	250.0	291.5	304.8

(1) Preliminary, average of four weeks.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index declined fractionally from 119.1 to 119.0 between August and September 1956. In September

1955 the index stood at 116.8. The Food index, after a series of rather sharp increases since May of this year, declined to 115.5 from 115.9 in August. Prices for most fresh vegetables were lower, with a further large decrease for potatoes and a substantial decline in tomato prices bringing these two food items close to average September levels. Apple prices decreased and eggs were down slightly. However, most cuts of meats were up and coffee moved to a slightly higher level. Small increases in both the rent and home-ownership indexes brought the Shelter index from 133.0 to 133.1. Clothing price movements were minor in character, leaving the Clothing index unchanged at 108.4. The Household Operation index rose from 116.8 to 117.1 as higher prices affected sub-groups for dry cleaning, furniture, floor coverings and utensils and equipment. Slightly lower prices for new automobiles were more than offset by increases for car repairs, local transportation fares and magazine subscriptions, moving the Other Commodities and Services index from 121.3 to 121.4.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
September 1956	119.0	115.5	133.1	108.4	117.1	121.4
August 1956	119.1	115.9	133.0	108.4	116.8	121.3
September 1955	116.8	113.7	130.0	107.8	115.9	117.9

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

The price index of thirty industrial materials was almost unchanged in the week of September

21st at 250.3 compared to 249.7 as of August 31st. This reflected offsetting price changes for several commodities. Increases were registered for beef hides, steel scrap, sisal, raw wool, tin, oats, hogs and raw cotton, and declines occurred for raw rubber, raw sugar, cottonseed oil, steers, fir timber, wheat, bleached sulphite pulp, and iron ore. Slight strengthening of the Canadian dollar acted as a depressing factor in a number of instances.

The index for Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets declined 1.7 per cent in the period under review, moving from 212.6 at August 31st to 209.0 in the week of September 21st. Field Products were 3.6 per cent lower at 159.4 compared to 165.4, as further declines in Eastern potato and oat prices more than offset price increases for rye, Western hay and flax, and Eastern wheat, corn and barley. The index of Animal Products fell 0.5 per cent from 259.8 to 258.6, when declines for poultry, calves, steers, lambs, and Western fluid milk were only partially offset by higher quotations for hogs, eggs, raw wool and Eastern cheesemilk and butterfat.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended 1956				Monthly Average		
	Aug. 31st	Sept. 7th	Sept. 14th	Sept. 21st	Sept. 1955	Aug. 1956	Sept. ^p 1956
Industrial Materials	249.7	249.5	250.4	250.3	241.1	249.2	250.1
Canadian Farm Products	212.6	210.0	209.8	209.0	202.7	214.4	209.6
Field	165.4	160.6	161.1	159.4	153.9	171.1	160.4
Animal	259.8	259.4	258.4	258.6	251.6	257.6	258.8

p - preliminary, average of three weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 96 common stock issues dropped

3.3 per cent from 281.3 to 271.9 in the four weeks

August 30th - September 27th, thereby cancelling all gains accumulated since the final week of June. Declines were shared by all major groups, with 7 Banks falling 4.0 per cent from 288.9 to 277.2; 76 Industrials 3.3 per cent from 296.6 to 286.8; and 13 Utilities 2.9 per cent from 211.2 to 205.0. With one exception, all sub-group indexes moved lower, major losses being experienced by Pulp and Paper (9.1 per cent), Food and Allied Products (7.4) and Machinery and Equipment (6.8). More moderate declines were registered by Building Materials, Transportation, Textiles and Clothing and Beverages. The Oil group showed a fractional gain.

The composite index of 26 mining issues also receded, declining 6.8 per cent from 142.4 to 132.7 where it was at the lowest point since March 8th. Both sub-group series moved down as the index for 21 Gold Stocks dropped 7.6 per cent from 78.0 to 72.1 and 5 Base Metals 6.3 per cent, from 289.9 to 271.5.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 30th	Sept. 6th	Sept. 13th	Sept. 20th	Sept. 27th	Sept. 1955	Aug. 1956	Sept. 1956
Investors' Price Index								
96 Common Stocks	281.3	288.2	280.3	275.2	271.9	255.9	291.8	278.9
76 Industrials.....	296.6	304.9	296.0	290.0	286.8	265.9	308.9	294.4
13 Utilities.....	211.2	214.6	209.6	207.5	205.0	211.2	215.7	209.2
7 Banks	288.9	290.4	285.2	282.5	277.2	259.0	295.4	283.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
26 Stocks.....	142.4	143.7	138.5	134.5	132.7	129.0	147.1	137.4
21 Golds	78.0	77.8	74.5	72.0	72.1	75.3	79.5	74.1
5 Base Metals.....	289.9	294.7	285.1	277.5	271.5	252.0	301.9	282.2

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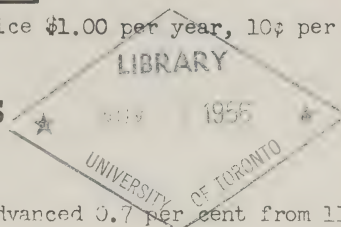
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.7 per cent from 119.0 to 119.8 between September and October 1956. A year ago,

the index stood at 116.9. A 1.6 per cent increase in the Food series accounted for most of the change in the total index, while other component groups moved higher by 0.1 to 0.5 per cent. Foods rose from 115.5 to 117.4 as moderate price increases were reported for a considerable number of items: most canned goods, imported fresh fruits, cereal products, fats, coffee, pork, canned salmon, and chocolate bars. Tomatoes and lettuce were the only foods to show substantial increases. Lower prices were recorded for other fresh vegetables, eggs, and apples. The Shelter index advanced from 133.1 to 133.3 due to small increases in both the rent and home-ownership components. Slight increases in footwear, women's wear and piece goods more than offset decreases for men's and children's wear and the Clothing index advanced fractionally from 108.4 to 108.5. An increase in the Household Operation index, from 117.1 to 117.7 occurred as a result of advances for coal, furniture, floor coverings, most utensils and equipment, and a number of household supplies. Higher fees for dentists, doctors and optical care, and increased rates for prepaid health care in British Columbia, were mainly responsible for an increase in the Other Commodities and Services index from 121.4 to 121.6.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
October 1956	119.8	117.4	133.3	108.5	117.7	121.6
September 1956	119.0	115.5	133.1	108.4	117.1	121.4
October 1955	116.9	113.5	130.2	107.8	116.1	118.1

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 industrial material prices receded from 250.0 to 247.8 in the four-week period September 28th to October 26th. Substantial price declines were registered for beef hides, sisal and steers, while fractional losses occurred for spruce lumber, raw sugar, raw cotton, copper, iron ore, unbleached sulphite pulp and wheat. Higher prices were recorded for raw rubber, hogs, tin and oats. Continued firmness for Canadian funds in terms of United States dollars acted as a negative factor.

The index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets declined fractionally from 209.5 to 208.4 between September 28th and October 26th. Price changes, which were largely offsetting, were higher on balance in the East, chiefly in animal products, and lower in the West. The composite Field Products Index moved from 159.7 to 159.9, reflecting increases for Eastern wheat and Western rye, which were almost balanced by decreases for Western potatoes, flax and hay, and Eastern corn, rye, potatoes and barley. The decline of 0.9 per cent in the Animal Products Index from 259.3 to 256.9 represented lower quotations for all Western livestock and for Eastern steers, lambs and poultry, and Western wool. Seasonal increases occurred for eggs, coupled with advances for fluid milk, Eastern calves, hogs and cheesemilk.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Sept. 28th	Oct. 5th	Oct. 12th	Oct. 19th	Oct. 26th	Oct. 1955	Sept. 1956	Oct. ^P 1956
Industrial Materials	250.0	249.6	248.1	248.0	247.8	240.7	249.5	248.4
Canadian Farm Products	209.5	207.0	208.4	207.6	208.4	196.8	209.8	207.8
Field	159.7	159.8	159.7	159.8	159.9	151.7	160.3	159.8
Animal	259.3	254.2	257.0	255.5	256.9	241.9	259.3	255.9

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors' Index of 96 common stocks registered a net (1935-1939 = 100)

decline of 2.5 per cent in the four-week period September 27th to October 25th as the index fell from 271.9 to 265.2. Week-to-week movements showed a rally in the second week of October, which was subsequently cancelled by a weaker tone in the second half. Of the major groups, 76 Industrials declined 3.0 per cent from 286.8 to 278.3 and 13 Utilities 1.1 per cent from 205.0 to 202.7; 7 Banks moved up 0.5 per cent from 277.2 per cent to 278.5. Indexes for 10 sub-groups registered declines ranging from 4.7 per cent for Milling to 0.5 per cent for Telephone issues. Increases were recorded for 2 groups, i.e., Textiles and Clothing 3.8 per cent and Transportation 0.1 per cent.

The composite index for 26 Mining issues declined 1.7 per cent from 132.7 to 130.4 in the four-week period under review, reflecting losses of 2.6 per cent for 5 Base Metals from 271.5 to 264.4, and 0.4 per cent for 21 Gold Stocks from 72.1 to 71.8.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Sept. 27th	Oct. 4th	Oct. 11th	Oct. 18th	Oct. 25th	Oct. 1955	Sept. 1956	Oct. 1956
Investors' Price Index								
96 Common Stocks	271.9	268.4	275.1	272.3	265.2	239.9	278.9	270.3
76 Industrials.....	286.8	283.0	290.5	287.2	278.3	248.9	294.4	284.8
13 Utilities.....	205.0	205.0	208.0	204.8	202.7	200.6	209.2	205.1
7 Banks	277.2	268.0	275.6	278.9	278.5	240.0	283.8	275.3
Mining Stock Price Index								
26 Stocks.....	132.7	133.6	135.1	134.9	130.4	117.6	137.4	133.5
21 Golds	72.1	72.6	73.1	72.3	71.8	71.0	74.1	72.5
5 Base Metals	271.5	273.4	277.2	278.3	264.4	224.2	282.2	273.3

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.4 per cent from 119.8 to 120.3 between October and November 1956 to reach a new high. In November 1955 the index stood at 116.9. Increases in the Other Commodities and Services index and, to a lesser degree, in the Food index, were responsible for most of the latest change in the total index. Higher prices for 1957 models of passenger cars, together with increases for theatre admissions, haircuts and hairdressing, some drug items and liquor, resulted in the largest monthly movement in this component of the index in several years as it rose from 121.6 to 122.8. The Food index moved from 117.4 to 117.9 as higher prices were reported for bread, milk, most canned fruits and vegetables and some fresh imported vegetables. Fresh beef and pork declined seasonally while cured pork prices were somewhat higher. Eggs, grapefruit, bananas and domestic grown vegetables were lower. The Shelter index increased fractionally from 133.3 to 133.4 as the rent component advanced slightly and home-ownership remained unchanged. The Clothing index was practically unchanged as it declined from 108.5 to 108.4. Women's wear was lower as price decreases for fur coats and hosiery more than offset increases for other items. Increases for men's winter overcoats, shirts and hats, as well as other minor changes, moved men's wear to a higher level. Small price increases were recorded for footwear. A rise in the Household Operation index from 117.7 to 118.1 resulted from higher prices for coal, most items of furniture, some utensils and equipment and household supplies.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
November 1956	120.3	117.9	133.4	108.4	118.1	122.8
October 1956	119.8	117.4	133.3	108.5	117.7	121.6
November 1955	116.9	113.0	130.6	107.9	116.5	118.3

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

The index of 30 industrial materials advanced 0.9 per cent between October 26th and November

23rd, from 247.2 to 249.5, as higher prices were reported for raw rubber, raw sugar, hogs, beef hides, bituminous coal, tin, sisal, raw wool and raw cotton. On the other hand, sizable losses occurred for linseed oil and fir timber, followed by lesser declines for oats, wheat, copper, iron ore, and bleached sulphite pulp. Further improvement in the Canadian dollar in terms of United States funds served to lower prices for a number of items.

The index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 1.6 per cent from 208.5 to 211.8 in the period under review. The index gain of 2.8 per cent for Field Products, from 160.0 to 164.5, reflected sharp increases for Eastern potatoes and lesser gains for Eastern corn, oats and wheat and Western potatoes, hay and flax. Lower prices were reported for rye and Eastern peas. In Animal Products, for which the index moved up 0.9 per cent from 256.9 to 259.1, firmer prices were registered for Western calves and steers and Eastern and Western hogs, lambs, wool and milk for fluid sales. Eggs showed major price losses on all markets while cheesemilk dropped slightly.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939=100)

	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 26th	Nov. 2nd	Nov. 9th	Nov. 16th	Nov. 23rd	Nov. 1955	Oct. 1956	Nov. P 1956
Industrial Materials	247.2	248.2	247.6	248.3	249.5	240.8	247.6	248.4
Canadian Farm Products	208.5	207.4	208.2	209.2	211.8	196.9	208.0	209.2
Field	160.0	159.9	160.6	162.6	164.5	153.2	159.9	161.9
Animal	256.9	254.9	255.9	255.7	259.1	240.5	256.0	256.4

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 96 common stocks fell 6.6 per cent in the five-week period between October 25th and November 29th from 265.2 to 247.6, bringing the series to its lowest level since the week of January 19th. Week-to-week movement showed a firmer tone in the first part of the month followed by continuous weakness. Declines in the major groups were: 7 Banks, 7.1 per cent from 278.5 to 258.8; 76 Industrials 6.8 per cent from 278.3 to 259.3; and 13 Utilities 5.3 per cent from 202.7 to 192.0. Indexes were lower for all sub-groups, with losses led by Machinery and Equipment and Industrial Mines, each 10.0 per cent, Beverages 9.4 per cent, Pulp and Paper 9.2 per cent, Milling 8.9 per cent, Transportation 8.3 per cent and Building Materials 7.3 per cent.

The composite index of 26 mining issues declined 9.8 per cent in the period under review, from 130.4 to 117.6, the lowest level for this index since the final week of October 1955. For 21 Gold Stocks the index fell 10.7 per cent from 71.8 to 64.1, while that for 5 Base Metals dropped 9.2 per cent from 264.4 to 240.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended						Monthly Average		
	Oct. 25th	Nov. 1st	Nov. 8th	Nov. 15th	Nov. 22nd	Nov. 29th	Nov. 1955	Oct. 1956	Nov. 1956
Investors' Price Index									
96 Common Stocks	265.2	267.9	270.5	267.5	258.2	247.6	245.6	270.3	262.3
76 Industrials.....	278.3	282.7	285.2	281.5	271.1	259.3	255.3	284.8	276.0
13 Utilities.....	202.7	202.3	205.9	202.9	198.3	192.0	201.4	205.1	200.3
7 Banks	278.5	270.3	272.0	275.7	267.4	258.8	250.8	275.3	268.8
Mining Stock Price Index									
26 Stocks.....	130.4	132.0	133.8	130.6	123.1	117.6	119.6	133.5	127.4
21 Golds	71.8	71.4	71.4	69.4	66.6	64.1	71.2	72.5	68.6
5 Base Metals.....	264.4	270.8	276.7	270.6	252.6	240.1	230.2	273.3	262.2

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index increased fractionally from 120.3 to 120.4 between November and December 1956. In December 1955 the index stood at 116.9. During the month under review, increases in four of the five group indexes more than offset a decrease of 0.3 per cent in the Food index. Foods moved from 117.9 to 117.5 as a substantial decrease was recorded in egg prices while prices were lower for most cuts of beef, some fresh vegetables, tea and coffee. Increases in bread and milk, which showed up in the November index in some cities, occurred in additional cities in December. Pork prices continued to move up while most canned fruits and vegetables, sugar and jam were higher. The Shelter index advanced from 133.4 to 133.5 as a result of increases in both the rent and home-ownership components. The Clothing index moved from 108.4 to 108.6 as increases were reported for men's and women's shoes and some items of men's and women's clothing. Higher prices for coal, furniture, utensils and equipment, laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repairs were responsible for an increase from 118.1 to 118.6 in the Household Operation index. The Other Commodities and Services index was slightly higher at 122.9 compared with 122.8 a month ago. Men's haircuts were higher.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
December 1956	120.4	117.5	133.5	108.6	118.6	122.9
November 1956	120.3	117.9	133.4	108.4	118.1	122.8
December 1955	116.9	112.4	131.0	108.5	116.6	118.3

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The weekly composite index for thirty industrial material prices decreased 0.1 per cent from 250.2 to 249.9 between November 30th and December 21st. Substantially lower prices were recorded for hogs at Toronto, oats, beef hides and raw rubber, followed by lesser decreases for tin and raw sugar. On the other hand, sizable increases occurred for linseed and cottonseed oils and rayon yarn in addition to lesser changes for bituminous coal, steers at Toronto, sisal, raw cotton, wheat, iron ore and bleached sulphite pulp. For a number of commodities strength reflected a slight weakening of the Canadian dollar in terms of United States funds.

The composite index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets declined 2.1 per cent from 212.4 to 207.9 between the weeks of November 30th and December 21st, reflecting lower prices for both Field and Animal Products. The Field Products index dropped 0.7 per cent from 165.2 to 164.1 due largely to lower prices for most grains and Eastern potatoes which were only slightly offset by increases for Eastern hay and Western potatoes. The 3.0 per cent decline in the Animal Products index from 259.6 to 251.7 reflected substantially lower prices for hogs, coupled with lesser decreases for eggs, Western steers and Eastern cheesemilk. Higher prices were noted for calves, lambs, fluid milk and Eastern steers.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1956 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 30th	Dec. 7th	Dec. 14th	Dec. 21st	Dec. 28th	Dec. 1955	Nov. 1956	Dec. ^P 1956
Industrial Materials	250.2	250.4	249.8	249.9	Not Avail- able	244.2	247.7	250.0
Canadian Farm Products	212.4	212.4	208.9	207.9		198.2 ^r	209.4	209.7
Field	165.2	164.9	164.0	164.1		156.9 ^r	163.1	164.3
Animal	259.6	259.8	253.7	251.7		239.4	255.7	255.1

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SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices recovered a major portion of their

November decline in the early part of December. From a

level of 247.6 for the week of November 29th the Investors' Index of 95 common stocks advanced to 267.3 by the week of December 6th. Prices remained relatively steady in the following two weeks as the composite index stood at 267.2 for the week of December 20th. Among group changes the index for 75 industrial issues changed from 259.3 to 280.6 between the weeks of November 29th and December 20th while 13 Utilities advanced from 192.0 to 205.0 and 7 Banks from 258.8 to 276.5. All groups were higher led by Industrial Mines, Transportation, Building Materials, Machinery and Equipment, Pulp and Paper, Power and Traction, Beverages and Oils.

The composite index for 26 mining issues changed from 117.6 to 129.7 between the weeks of November 29th and December 20th with almost the entire increase occurring in the first week of December. The index for 21 Gold Stocks moved up from 64.1 to 69.3 while that for 5 Base Metals firmed from 240.1 to 268.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 29th	Dec. 6th	Dec. 13th	Dec. 20th	Dec. 27th	Dec. 1955	Nov. 1956	Dec. (P) 1956
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	247.6	267.3	267.1	267.2		247.6	262.3	267.2
75 Industrials.....	259.3	281.5	281.4	280.6	Not	257.0	276.0	281.2
13 Utilities.....	192.0	201.6	202.2	205.0	Avail-	204.2	200.3	202.9
7 Banks	258.8	276.6	273.0	276.5	able	253.4	268.8	275.4
Mining Stock Price Index								
26 Stocks.....	117.6	128.9	128.3	129.7		121.4	127.4	129.0
21 Golds	64.1	68.3	68.3	69.3		72.6	68.6	68.6
5 Base Metals.....	240.1	267.6	265.7	268.1		233.0	262.2	267.1

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

JANUARY 1957 - 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index remained practically unchanged
between December and January moving from 120.4 to 120.3

as decreases in the Food and Clothing indexes outweighed increases in the other three main groups. The Food component decreased from 117.5 to 117.1 as appreciably lower prices for eggs and imported fresh fruits and vegetables, combined with lesser decreases for pork items, coffee and chocolate bars, proved more important than fractional increases recorded by a lengthy list of food items. Clothing decreased from 108.6 to 107.6 as seasonally lower prices for items of winter wear, notably women's fur and cloth coats, outweighed increases for several items of men's wear. An increase in the Household Operation index from 118.6 to 119.0 was due to firmer prices for coal coupled with slight increases in household help and homefurnishings. Other Commodities and Services moved from 122.9 to 123.1 due mainly to a further increase in automobiles, following complete pricing of 1957 models. In addition, slight advances appeared in personal care items. Increases in both the rent and home-ownership components were responsible for the slight gain in the Shelter index from 133.5 to 133.6.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
January 1957	120.3	117.1	133.6	107.6	119.0	123.1
December 1956	120.4	117.5	133.5	108.6	118.6	122.9
January 1956	116.8	111.5	131.3	108.6	116.5	119.0

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of thirty industrial raw material prices advanced slightly from 250.4 to 251.5 between December 28th and January 25th as partially offsetting price changes occurred for approximately half of the component items. Changes were substantial for two items as raw sugar advanced and raw rubber dropped. In addition, gains were registered by beef hides, hogs, crude oil, sisal, raw cotton and structural shapes, while moderate declines were noted for zinc, linseed oil, steers, lead, tin, oats and bleached sulphite pulp.

The index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced from 210.0 to 211.0 in the four weeks December 28th to January 25th, for a gain of 0.5 per cent. Field Products in the same period rose 0.6 per cent from 164.6 to 165.6. Partially offsetting price changes were noteworthy in this group as potato prices advanced in the East but declined in the West. Also higher were Eastern peas, and corn and Western rye while lower quotations were reported for Eastern wheat, hay and rye and Western flax. The index for Animal Products gained 0.4 per cent from 255.4 to 256.5 reflecting firmer prices for hogs, fluid milk, Western lambs, and butterfat, Eastern calves and cheesemilk. Sharp declines were noted for Western calves, and eggs on both markets, while more moderate recessions occurred for steers and Eastern poultry.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	1956		1957					
	Dec. 28th	Jan. 4th	Jan. 11th	Jan. 18th	Jan. 25th	Jan. 1956	Dec. 1956	Jan. P 1957
Industrial Materials	250.4	250.0	249.4	249.9	251.5	246.1	249.8	250.2
Canadian Farm Products	210.0	211.7	212.3	211.6	211.0	197.6	210.3	211.6
Field	164.6	166.1	167.0	166.7	165.6	160.2	164.4	166.4
Animal	255.4	257.4	257.6	256.4	256.5	235.0	256.2	257.0

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SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices, reflecting a traditional pattern, rallied in January, although as the month closed not all gains were maintained. From a level of 269.5 for the week of December 27th the Investors' Index for 95 representative issues advanced to a peak of 275.9 by the week of the 10th but subsequently reacted to 272.2 by the 24th where it held a net gain of 1.0 per cent. Major group increases were: Banks 4.3 per cent, from 278.9 to 290.8; 13 Utilities 1.0 per cent, from 205.6 to 207.6; and 75 Industrials 0.7 per cent, from 283.2 to 285.2. Increases in sub-groups were led by Textiles and Clothing 10.8 per cent, Power and Traction 5.8 per cent and Industrial Mines 4.0 per cent. On the other hand Transportation declined 4.1 per cent followed by modest decreases for Machinery and Equipment, Pulp and Paper, Building Materials and Oils.

The composite index of 27 mining issues fell 1.9 per cent, from 130.6 to 128.1 in the period under review. The decline reflected a 3.7 per cent drop in 6 Base Metals from 269.7 to 259.7 which overbalanced a 1.1 per cent rise from 69.8 to 70.6, for 21 Gold Stocks.

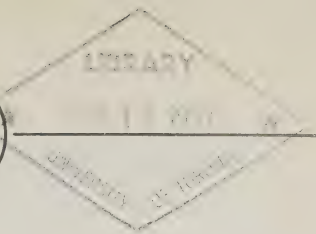
Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	1956	1957						
	Dec. 27th	Jan. 3rd	Jan. 10th	Jan. 17th	Jan. 24th	Jan. 1956	Dec. 1956	Jan. (P) 1957
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	269.5	274.2	275.9	274.7	272.2	248.5	267.8	274.2
75 Industrials.....	283.2	288.9	290.1	288.0	285.2	257.0	281.7	288.0
13 Utilities.....	205.6	205.4	208.3	208.8	207.6	206.5	203.6	207.5
7 Banks	278.9	284.8	289.9	294.1	290.8	260.0	276.2	289.9
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	130.6	132.1	131.1	130.4	128.1	125.2	129.4	130.4
21 Golds	69.8	70.5	70.4	70.9	70.6	75.8	68.9	70.6
6 Base Metals.....	269.7	273.1	270.0	266.7	259.7	238.1	267.8	267.4

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

FEBRUARY 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index moved from 120.3 to 120.5 between January and February to mark the third month during which

it has shown relatively little movement. The February index stands 3.5 per cent above the level of a year ago. The current month changes in group indexes were very slight except for Other Commodities and Services which advanced 0.6 per cent. The Food index moved from 117.1 to 117.2 as numerous slight increases throughout all foods were nearly offset by somewhat larger price decreases in coffee, eggs, lettuce and tomatoes. The only item to register a significant increase was sugar. The Shelter index increased a further 0.1 per cent from 133.6 to 133.8, following small increases in both the rent and home-ownership components. The only group to decline was Clothing which moved from 107.6 to 107.4 as sale prices for women's winter coats and overshoes as well as boy's parkas, outweighed a further increase in the price of men's suits. Household Operation changed from 119.0 to 119.1 as price increases occurred for fuel oil and a number of items of furniture, textiles and utensils. Lower prices were recorded for floor coverings, detergents and floor wax. The increase in Other Commodities and Services from 123.1 to 123.8 resulted from a substantial advance in hospital room rates combined with increases for gasoline, drug and personal care items, and alcoholic beverages.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
February 1957	120.5	117.2	133.8	107.4	119.1	123.8
January 1957	120.3	117.1	133.6	107.6	119.0	123.1
February 1956	116.4	109.9	131.5	108.6	116.7	119.3

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

The index of 30 Industrial Material prices declined 1.4 per cent between January 25th and February 22nd from 251.5 to 248.0 reflecting chiefly substantial declines for copper, raw sugar, steel scrap, linseed oil, raw rubber and steers. In addition, oats, tin, beef hides, wheat, raw cotton and bleached sulphite pulp showed minor losses. Moving against this, increases were reported for iron ore, steel sheets and hogs.

Canadian Farm Products prices at terminal markets were unchanged at 211.0 in the week of February 22nd compared to January 25th, as declines for Field Products were exactly balanced by higher Animal Products prices. The Field group index decline of 3.0 per cent from 165.6 to 160.7 was due to lower quotations for potatoes, Eastern peas, wheat and corn, and Western rye and flax. Hay moved slightly higher. In Animal Products, which rose 1.9 per cent from 256.5 to 261.3, strength was registered by hog, calf and egg prices which moderate increases for Eastern butterfat and Western steers, fluid milk and wool. Lower prices reported were for lambs, Eastern steers, poultry, wool and cheesemilk.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 25th	Feb. 1st	Feb. 8th	Feb. 15th	Feb. 22nd	Feb. 1956	Jan. 1957	Feb. P 1957
Industrial Materials	251.5	250.1	248.6	249.6	248.0	247.2	251.1	249.1
Canadian Farm Products	211.0	210.7	209.7	210.5	211.0	199.8 ^r	211.6	210.5
Field	165.6	164.2	162.8	161.4	160.7	167.3 ^r	166.0	162.3
Animal	256.5	257.1	256.7	259.7	261.3	232.3	257.2	258.7

P-preliminary

r-revised to include interim payments on western wheat

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The December-January rally in common stocks was translated into losses in February as all major groups moved lower. The composite Investors' total dropped 3.6 per cent from 271.4 to 261.6 between January 31st and February 21st. Among groups, 7 Banks fell 8.7 per cent from 289.8 to 264.5; 75 Industrials declined 3.4 per cent from 284.3 to 274.6, and 13 Utilities 1.8 per cent from 207.4 to 203.6. Sub-group losses, shared by all components but one, were led by Building Materials (7.2 per cent), Textiles and Clothing (7.1), Industrial Mines (5.7), and Pulp and Paper (4.1). Food and Allied Products showed a fractional gain.

The composite index of 27 mining issues also moved lower in the period under review, declining 5.5 per cent from 128.0 to 121.0. Chiefly responsible was a 7.8 per cent drop in 6 Base Metals from 258.9 to 238.6, accompanied by a more moderate decline for 21 Golds of 1.6 per cent from 70.8 to 69.7.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended				Monthly Average		
	Jan. 31st	Feb. 7th	Feb. 14th	Feb. 21st	Feb. 1956	Jan. 1957	Feb. (P) 1957
Investors' Price Index							
95 Common Stocks	271.4	268.1	261.3	261.6	249.2	273.7	263.7
75 Industrials.....	284.3	280.7	273.9	274.6	258.1	287.3	276.4
13 Utilities.....	207.4	205.2	201.8	203.6	204.1	207.5	203.5
7 Banks	289.8	286.7	271.8	264.5	264.2	289.9	274.3
Mining Stock Price Index							
27 Stocks.....	128.0	123.5	122.4	121.0	125.1	129.9	122.3
21 Golds	70.8	68.7	69.9	69.7	76.7	70.6	69.4
6 Base Metals	258.9	249.1	242.7	238.6	235.8	265.7	243.5

P. Preliminary average of three weeks.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

MARCH 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged at 120.5 between February and March 1957, continuing a period of steadiness dating from November 1956. A year ago the index stood at 116.4. Current decreases in the Food index were sufficient to offset increases in the other four group indexes. Foods declined from 117.2 to 116.4 as price decreases occurred for margarine, coffee, processed cheese, potatoes, grapefruit and beef. Prices were slightly higher for a number of canned fruits and fresh vegetables. Pork also was somewhat higher and egg prices were up fractionally after reaching the lowest level in two years in February. Small increases in both the rent and home-ownership components moved the Shelter index from 133.8 to 134.0. The Clothing index rose from 107.4 to 108.2 as a result of higher prices for men's and women's wear, footwear and piece goods. An increase in the Household Operation index, from 119.1 to 119.5, reflected price increases for furniture, floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment, laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repairs. The Other Commodities and Services index increased from 123.8 to 124.2 as higher prices were reported for automobile repairs and local transportation fares. Gasoline prices increased mainly in Ontario, and tire prices were lower in a number of cities.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
March 1957	120.5	116.4	134.0	108.2	119.5	124.2
February 1957	120.5	117.2	133.8	107.4	119.1	123.8
March 1956	116.4	109.1	131.6	108.7	116.8	119.9

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 Industrial Material prices changed only fractionally between February 22nd and March 22nd from 248.0 to 247.7. Sharp decreases were reported for hogs, oats, sisal and steel scrap while slightly lower prices occurred for linseed oil, wheat, raw cotton, bleached sulphite pulp and iron ore. On the other hand substantial price increases were registered for raw wool, raw rubber and raw sugar, while lesser advances were noted for steers, beef hides and tin.

Farm product prices at terminal markets were 2.1 per cent lower at 206.5 on March 22nd compared to 211.0 four weeks earlier. The Animal Products index fell 3.2 per cent from 261.3 to 253.0 as livestock showed a net decline, with decreases for hogs and Western calves partially offset by gains for Eastern steers, calves and lambs. Other changes in this group were fractional declines for eggs and Eastern cheesemilk and increases for raw wool, Eastern poultry and Western fluid milk. In the Field Products sector, for which the index moved down 0.4 per cent from 160.7 to 160.1, there was a general lowering of prices for most Eastern grains and Western rye and flax while potatoes were down in both the East and West. Hay registered the only increase in this group, advancing moderately in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 22nd	Mar. 1st	Mar. 8th	Mar. 15th	Mar. 22nd	Mar. 1956	Feb. 1957	Mar. P 1957
Industrial Materials	248.0	248.1	247.3	247.4	247.7	248.8	248.4	247.6
Canadian Farm Products	211.0	207.5	206.5	207.2	206.5	201.5	210.1	206.9
Field.....	160.7	160.4	160.7	160.6	160.1	171.9	161.3	160.4
Animal.....	261.3	254.5	252.2	253.8	253.0	231.1	259.0	253.4

P-preliminary

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks rallied slightly in March to show a 2.9 per cent gain from 261.8 to 269.3 in the four-week period from February 28th to March 28th. This compared with a rise of 7.4 per cent between the weeks ending February 23rd and March 22nd, 1956. Major group index movements over the past four weeks were all upward, with increases of 4.1 per cent for Utilities, 3.6 per cent for Banks, and 2.6 per cent for Industrials. Among sub-groups showing increases, gains were led by Transportation, up 11.1 per cent, Pulp and Paper (5.5) and Power and Traction (5.4). Losses were sustained by several groups including Milling which fell 4.0 per cent, followed by minor declines for Beverages, Telephones and Foods and Allied Products.

The composite index of 27 mining issues advanced 1.2 per cent from 121.7 to 123.2 in the period under review as 6 Base Metals moved up 2.6 per cent from 242.2 to 248.5. The index for 21 Gold Stocks showed a 0.7 per cent loss from 69.0 to 68.5.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 28th	March 7th	March 14th	March 21st	March 28th	March 1956	Feb. 1957	March 1957
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	261.8	266.0	265.5	269.1	269.3	267.9	263.2	267.5
75 Industrials.....	275.0	279.6	279.1	283.1	282.2	280.3	276.0	281.0
13 Utilities.....	203.9	207.3	207.8	209.5	212.3	210.2	203.6	209.2
7 Banks	262.3	264.9	262.3	265.9	271.8	276.8	271.3	266.2
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	121.7	123.3	123.5	123.1	123.2	134.4	122.2	123.3
21 Golds	69.0	67.9	68.1	68.0	68.5	79.4	69.3	68.1
6 Base Metals	242.2	250.2	250.3	249.3	248.5	260.2	243.2	249.6

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

APRIL 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.3 per cent from 120.5 to 120.9 between March and April 1957. This new peak stands 3.7 per cent above the April 1956 level of 116.6. An advance of 0.7 per cent in the Other Commodities and Services index from 124.2 to 125.1 was responsible for most of the current month's movement. Substantial increases for prepaid health care, coupled with lesser increases in doctors, dentists and optical care fees moved the group index. The Food component increased 0.3 per cent from 116.4 to 116.7 as increases outweighed decreases. Sharply higher prices were recorded for tomatoes, lettuce, cabbage and lesser increases for fresh fruits, sugar, bread, chocolate bars and beef. Potatoes and celery were lower in price, as were tea, coffee, eggs, bananas and pork. Clothing, reflecting to some degree new seasonal lines, increased 0.3 per cent from 108.2 to 108.5. Footwear and a number of men's and children's items were higher. A decrease of 0.1 per cent in the Household Operation index from 119.5 to 119.4 followed lower prices for most appliances; furniture, floor coverings, textiles and utensils and equipment were somewhat higher. The Shelter series remained unchanged at 134.0.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
April 1957	120.9	116.7	134.0	108.5	119.4	125.1
March 1957	120.5	116.4	134.0	108.2	119.5	124.2
April 1956	116.6	109.7	131.9	108.7	116.6	120.1

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 Industrial Material prices changed 0.4 per cent between March 29th and April 26th, from 247.6 to 246.6. Declines for beef hides and steel scrap were substantial and these, together with minor losses for Western wheat, oats and tin, were sufficient to overbalance increases for raw sugar, raw wool, raw rubber, steers, sisal, raw cotton, iron ore and bleached sulphite pulp.

Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets were generally firmer in April as the composite index advanced 0.5 per cent in the four weeks under review, from 206.6 to 207.6. A gain of 0.7 per cent for Animal Products, from 253.8 to 255.5, reflected increases for hogs, steers, lambs and wool, Eastern eggs and Western whole milk for fluid sales, which offset declines for calves, Western eggs and Eastern poultry and milk. Field Products likewise were slightly stronger, showing a 0.3 rise from 159.4 to 159.8 as higher prices were quoted for potatoes and barley in the East which were sufficient to overbalance losses for potatoes on Western markets and Eastern wheat, hay, oats and corn. Regional indexes were higher as the Eastern series changed from 224.6 to 225.5 and the Western index from 188.7 to 189.7.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	March 29th	April 5th	April 12th	April 19th	April 26th	April 1956	March 1957	April p 1957
Industrial Materials	247.6	246.7	246.8	247.5	246.6	248.9	247.0	246.9
Canadian Farm Products	206.6	207.2	207.8	207.3	207.6	204.4	206.8	207.5
Field.....	159.4	159.2	160.6	160.0	159.8	176.9	160.2	159.9
Animal.....	253.8	255.2	255.0	254.7	255.5	231.9	253.4	255.1

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SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks advanced 5.4 per cent in the four-week period March 28th-April 25th, from

269.3 to 283.8, thus recouping losses suffered since September 6th when the index stood at 288.2. The latest index is now 4.7 per cent below the peak of 297.8 touched August 9th. Gains for major groups were 6.6 per cent for 75 Industrials, from 282.2 to 300.8; 7 Banks 2.2 per cent from 271.8 to 277.7; and 13 Utilities 0.1 per cent from 212.3 to 212.6. All sub-groups but one were stronger, led by Food and Allied Products (up 11.6 per cent), Machinery and Equipment (8.8) and Oils (8.0). The Power and Traction group moved down fractionally.

The composite index of 27 Mining issues was 3.4 per cent higher, moving from 123.2 to 127.4. Chiefly responsible was the 8.2 per cent rise for 21 Gold Stocks, from 68.5 to 74.1, with 6 Base Metals rising 0.4 per cent from 248.5 to 249.5.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended 1957					Monthly Average		
	March 28th	April 4th	April 11th	April 18th	April 25th	April 1956	March 1957	April 1957
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	269.3	272.2	276.6	282.7	283.8	273.0	267.5	278.8
75 Industrials.....	282.2	285.5	291.0	299.4	300.8	286.2	281.0	294.2
13 Utilities.....	212.3	212.1	212.7	212.7	212.6	209.3	209.2	212.5
7 Banks	271.8	276.7	279.1	276.6	277.7	288.7	266.2	277.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	123.2	126.0	128.6	130.1	127.4	136.8	123.3	128.0
21 Golds	68.5	69.2	72.7	73.5	74.1	78.8	68.1	72.4
6 Base Metals.....	248.5	256.0	256.7	259.6	249.5	269.7	249.6	255.4

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

MAY 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 per cent from 120.9 to 121.1 between April and May 1957. A year ago the index stood at 116.6. In the current month, a further substantial increase in the Other Commodities and Services index, from 125.1 to 126.3, accounted for almost all of the change in the total index. In this group prices advanced for a wide variety of items: theatre admissions, street car and bus fares, haircuts and hairdressing, newspapers, beer and automobile insurance rates. The Food index was unchanged at 116.7. A sharp increase in tomatoes, and higher prices for apples, corn flakes and beef were balanced by decreases for coffee, tea, most pork cuts and some fresh vegetables. The Clothing index was also unchanged at 108.5. Scattered increases for such items as women's and girls' dresses were offset by lower sale prices for women's spring coats and men's shoes. The Household Operation index decreased from 119.4 to 119.2 as a result of seasonal declines for coal which were partially offset by small scattered increases among homefurnishings and household supplies. The Shelter index rose from 134.0 to 134.2 as both the rent and home-ownership components advanced fractionally.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
May 1957	121.1	116.7	134.2	108.5	119.2	126.3
April 1957	120.9	116.7	134.0	108.5	119.4	125.1
May 1956	116.6	109.3	132.1	108.8	116.5	120.5

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

The index of 30 Industrial Material prices at wholesale moved slightly lower over the four-week period April 26th to May 24th, from 246.1 to 242.4, for a decline of 1.5 per cent. Commodities showing decreases were zinc, raw sugar, cottonseed oil, lead, Douglas fir lumber, linseed oil, white lead, raw rubber, sisal, steel sheets, tin, wheat, iron ore and bleached sulphite pulp. Beef hides increased sharply, followed by lesser gains for hogs, imported bituminous coal and raw cotton. Strength in Canadian funds continues to be a factor for those items affected by foreign exchange rates.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets were slightly higher on balance in the period under review as the index moved from 207.6 to 208.2. The Animal Products index increased 1.6 per cent from 255.5 to 259.5, reflecting higher prices for hogs; calves and lambs in the East; and steers on Western markets; which were only partially offset by lower quotations for eggs; Western fluid milk, lambs and calves; and Eastern poultry, cheesemilk and butterfat. An index decline of 1.8 per cent for Field Products from 159.8 to 157.0, reflected lower prices for potatoes, rye, Western flax, and Eastern wheat, peas and corn. Eastern hay prices improved slightly. Regional total indexes moved in opposite directions as the Eastern series advanced from 189.7 to 191.6 while the Western index changed from 225.5 to 224.2.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939=100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	April 26th	May 3rd	May 10th	May 17th	May 24th	May 1956	April 1957	May P 1957
Industrial Materials	246.1	244.8	244.2	242.6	242.4	247.8	246.2	243.5
Canadian Farm Products	207.6	205.8	207.0	207.2	208.2	211.8	207.5	207.0
Field.....	159.8	158.5	157.6	157.5	157.0	185.6	159.9	157.6
Animal.....	255.5	253.2	256.4	257.0	259.5	238.0	255.1	256.5

P - Preliminary

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stock prices advanced 2.2 per cent, from 283.8 to 290.0, in the four-week period April

25th to May 23rd. This latest increase brought the level to 2.6 per cent under the post-war peak of 297.8 touched on August 9th, 1956. Moderate strength was apparent in all major groups: 75 Industrials moved from 300.8 to 307.4 and 7 Banks from 277.7 to 283.8, for net gains of 2.2 per cent each, while 13 Utilities advanced 1.9 per cent from 212.6 to 216.7. Among sub-groups, Milling stocks advanced substantially, bringing the index up 16.1 per cent, while Oils rose 5.8, Beverages 5.1, Power and Traction 5.1, and Building Materials 4.2 per cent. Slight weakness occurred in Industrial Mines, Textiles and Clothing, Telephones, and Machinery and Equipment.

The composite index of 27 Mining issues receded 2.0 per cent from 127.4 to 124.8 in the four weeks under review. The 5.9 per cent decline in Base Metals, from 249.5 to 234.9, over-balanced a gain of 3.5 per cent for 21 Gold Stocks from 74.1 to 76.7.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended 1957					Monthly Average		
	April 25th	May 2nd	May 9th	May 16th	May 23rd	May 1956	April 1957	May ^P 1957
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	283.8	285.3	285.1	287.1	290.0	268.5	278.8	286.9
75 Industrials.....	300.8	303.0	302.0	304.3	307.4	282.9	294.2	304.2
13 Utilities.....	212.6	212.7	214.7	216.6	216.7	204.2	212.5	215.2
7 Banks	277.7	274.9	277.2	276.6	283.8	271.7	277.5	278.1
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	127.4	126.2	123.4	123.6	124.8	136.5	128.0	124.5
21 Golds	74.1	75.2	76.3	76.4	76.7	78.8	72.4	76.2
6 Base Metals.....	249.5	242.8	231.1	231.8	234.9	268.5	255.4	235.2

^P - Average of four weeks

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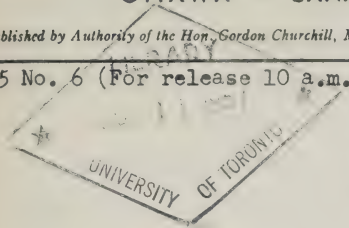
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

JUNE 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.4 per cent from 121.1 to a new high of 121.6 between May and June 1957, largely as a result of higher food prices. The increase in the first half of this year approximates one per cent, and the index stands 3.2 per cent above the level of a year ago. Most of the May-June advance of 0.9 per cent in the Food index, from 116.7 to 117.7, resulted from strength in all meats, notably pork, although higher prices for fresh fruits, some fresh vegetables and milk also contributed to the rise. Declines in food prices were recorded for some canned and fresh vegetables and coffee. The Shelter index rose 0.4 per cent from 134.2 to 134.8 reflecting like movements in both home-ownership and rent components. Rent changes in this period are influenced by the traditional May first moving date. Other Commodities and Services rose fractionally from 126.3 to 126.5 as higher prices were reported for train and inter-urban bus fares, newspapers, pharmaceuticals and personal care items. Further seasonal declines in coal prices were more than sufficient to offset a scatter of minor increases in homefurnishings, supplies, dry cleaning, laundry and shoe repairs, and the Household Operation index declined slightly from 119.2 to 119.1. The Clothing index also registered a small decrease from 108.5 to 108.4, as women's and children's wear were lower, and men's wear and footwear somewhat higher.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
June 1957	121.6	117.7	134.8	108.4	119.1	126.5
May 1957	121.1	116.7	134.2	108.5	119.2	126.3
June 1956	117.8	112.5	132.6	108.6	116.7	120.6

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY) (1) The index of 30 Industrial Materials moved
(1935-1939 = 100) down slightly between the weeks of May 31st and June 21st from 242.2 to 240.0. The change reflected price declines for domestic zinc, lead, copper, steers, white lead, spruce lumber, beef hides, galvanized steel sheets, tin, wheat, oats, bleached sulphite pulp, iron ore and raw cotton. Increases occurred for steel scrap, hogs, raw rubber and raw sugar. As in recent months, strength in Canadian funds vis-a-vis the United States dollar has been a depressant for those items affected by this factor.

Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets remained practically unchanged during the period under review, moving down 0.3 per cent from 208.4 to 207.8. This movement of the total index reflected offsetting major group movements in which a decrease for Field Products from 156.1 to 154.8 was partially balanced by an increase in Animal Products from 260.7 to 260.9. The decline in Field Products was due almost entirely to lower quotations on Eastern markets for most grains, potatoes and hay. Rye advanced in both Eastern and Western Canada. In Animal Products lamb prices advanced sharply reflecting the introduction of spring lambs while lesser gains were registered by hogs, eggs and fluid milk. These were partially offset by decreases for calves, steers and Eastern poultry and cheesemilk. Regionally, the Eastern composite index moved down from 225.0 to 222.9 while the Western series advanced from 191.9 to 192.7.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 31st	June 7th	June 14th	June 21st	June 28th	June 1956	May 1957	June P 1957
Industrial Materials.....	242.2	241.7	241.6	240.0	Not	248.5	242.3	241.1
Canadian Farm Products	208.4	208.2	209.6	207.8	avail-	224.2	206.4	208.5
Field	156.1	155.3	155.3	154.8	able	196.4	157.5	155.1
Animal.....	260.7	261.0	263.8	260.9		251.9	255.3	261.9

P - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

- (1) All 1957 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks fell 2.6 per cent from 290.5 to 283.0 between the weeks of May 30th and June 27th. All major groups declined as 75 Industrials dropped 2.8 per cent from 307.5 to 299.0; 13 Utilities 2.2 per cent from 219.8 to 214.9 and 7 Banks 1.1 per cent from 282.6 to 279.4. While an easier tone was evident in Utilities over the four-week period, weakness in the remaining two groups was concentrated in the latter half of the month. Sub-group declines, which occurred for all but three series, ranged from 8.3 per cent for Milling to 0.4 for Beverages and Building Materials. Moderate increases occurred for Machinery and Equipment, Textiles and Clothing, and Power and Traction.

Mining stocks, supported by strength in gold issues, moved upward during the period under review as the composite index changed from 123.0 to 123.6 for a net increase of 0.5 per cent. Over the same interval the sub-group index for 21 Golds stiffened 3.8 per cent, from 76.2 to 79.1 while 6 Base Metals weakened 2.0 per cent, from 230.3 to 225.6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended 1957					Monthly Average		
	May 30th	June 6th	June 13th	June 20th	June 27th	June 1956	May 1957	June 1957
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	290.5	290.7	290.8	283.0	283.0	267.0	287.6	286.9
75 Industrials.....	307.5	308.0	308.3	298.6	299.0	283.0	304.8	303.5
13 Utilities.....	219.8	218.4	217.8	216.0	214.9	199.8	216.1	216.8
7 Banks	282.6	283.2	283.8	280.7	279.4	260.7	279.0	281.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	123.0	124.9	128.4	124.6	123.6	136.4	124.2	125.4
21 Golds	76.2	81.2	82.1	80.2	79.1	76.7	76.2	80.6
6 Base Metals	230.3	224.8	234.3	226.1	225.6	273.1	234.2	227.7

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

JULY 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.2 per cent from 121.6 to 121.9 between June and July 1957, to stand 2.9 per cent above the July 1956 index of 118.5. The current movement resulted mainly from a higher Food index, with increases in both Shelter and Household Operation also contributing to the rise. Clothing was unchanged, continuing the long period during which this group has shown almost no movement. Other Commodities and Services were also unchanged, the first month since December 1955 that this group has not registered some upward movement. The increase in the Food index from 117.7 to 118.2 was largely attributable to seasonal items, as prices eased for canned vegetables, sugar, coffee and jam. Price increases for eggs, potatoes, most other fresh vegetables and fruits, and pork proved more important than the scattered price decreases. Shelter moved from 134.8 to 135.1 on the strength of increases for both rents and home-ownership, the latter reflecting continued price increases in residential building materials and wage rates. Higher prices for appliances, together with increases for items of furniture, household equipment and domestic help, moved the Household Operation index from 119.1 to 119.6. Scattered changes in Clothing left the total index at 108.4. Price increases were reported for women's hosiery, but there were reductions in some items of children's wear. Small increases for newspapers, prepaid health care and some personal care items were balanced by somewhat lower prices for new passenger cars and gasoline as the Other Commodities and Services index was unchanged at 126.5.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
July 1957	121.9	118.2	135.1	108.4	119.6	126.5
June 1957	121.6	117.7	134.8	108.4	119.1	126.5
July 1956	118.5	114.4	132.7	108.6	116.7	121.1

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 Industrial Material prices remained almost unchanged at 240.3 in the week ending July

26th compared to 240.9 for June 28th. Raw sugar registered a major decline while lesser losses were recorded for beef hides, zinc, rosin, fir timber, tin, raw cotton, galvanized steel sheets, iron ore, bleached sulphite pulp and oats. Almost completely offsetting the losses were price rises for hogs, linseed oil, cottonseed oil, structural steel shapes, steers, spruce lumber, sisal and raw rubber. As in previous months, the effect of strength in the Canadian dollar was reflected in prices of commodities entering foreign trade.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets advanced 2.9 per cent in the period under review, from 207.8 to 213.9. A gain of 4.3 per cent for Animal Products, from 262.3 to 273.6, reflected sharply higher prices for eggs and hogs, supported by lesser gains for calves, steers and poultry in the East, and Western fluid milk. Only lambs were reported lower in price. In Field Products the index moved up slightly from 153.2 to 154.2 as price increases for potatoes, Western rye, flax and hay and Eastern corn and peas were partially offset by lower quotations for Eastern oats, rye, barley, wheat and hay.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 28th	July 5th	July 12th	July 19th	July 26th	July 1956	June 1957	July P 1957
Industrial Materials.....	240.9	240.2	241.2	241.3	240.3	247.4	240.6	240.8
Canadian Farm Products	207.8	208.9	211.9	214.2	213.9	233.5	208.4	212.2
Field	153.2	154.2	156.2	155.2	154.2	210.6	154.6	155.0
Animal.....	262.3	263.5	267.7	273.1	273.6	256.5	262.2	269.5

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

- (1) All 1957 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices weakened during the last three weeks of July following initial gains. Both Industrials and Utilities followed this pattern, but Bank stocks remained quite steady over the four weeks June 27th to July 25th under present review. In the following comparisons, indexes for July 26, 1956 are given in brackets. The Investors' Index of 95 issues moved down from 283.0 to 280.3 (286.4) reflecting group declines of 2.0 per cent for 13 Utilities from 214.9 to 210.5 (212.2); 0.8 per cent for 75 Industrials from 299.0 to 296.5 (302.7); and 0.3 per cent for 7 Banks from 279.4 to 278.5 (294.2). Declines for seven sub-groups ranged from 0.2 per cent for Oils to 5.6 per cent for Industrial Mines, while five sub-groups strengthened slightly: Machinery and Equipment, Textiles and Clothing, Building Materials, Transportation and Food and Allied Products.

The composite index for 27 Mining stocks fell 2.6 per cent in the four weeks, from 123.6 to 120.4 (146.2). Base Metals dropped 3.5 per cent from 225.6 to 217.8 (298.3) and 21 Golds 1.6 per cent from 79.1 to 77.8 (79.7).

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

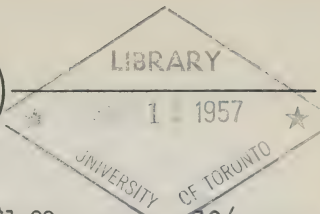
	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 27th	July 4th	July 11th	July 18th	July 25th	July 1956	June 1957	July 1957
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	283.0	287.5	285.8	285.2	280.3	282.4	286.9	284.7
75 Industrials.....	299.0	305.0	303.0	302.1	296.5	299.0	303.5	301.6
13 Utilities.....	214.9	216.0	214.7	214.2	210.5	207.9	216.8	213.8
7 Banks	279.4	276.9	276.7	279.2	278.5	287.4	281.8	277.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	123.6	125.4	124.2	121.0	120.4	144.0	125.4	122.8
21 Golds	79.1	81.0	80.3	78.1	77.8	79.5	80.6	79.3
6 Base Metals.....	225.6	227.1	224.7	219.1	217.8	291.5	227.7	222.2



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

AUGUST 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.6 per cent from 121.9 to 122.6 between July and August. The change was largely

seasonal in nature, and attributable mainly to an increase of 1.7 per cent in the Food index from 118.2 to 120.2. Decreases were reported for all fresh vegetables, apples and coffee, while substantially higher prices were reported for eggs and pork, as well as lesser price advances for butter, grapefruit and beef. The Shelter index moved from 135.1 to 135.3 following further slight increases in both the rent and home-ownership components. Clothing declined from 108.4 to 108.2 as sale prices were reported for a number of items of both men's and women's wear. Seasonal increases in the price of coal were partially offset by somewhat lower prices for fuel oil, and the Household Operation index changed fractionally from 119.6 to 119.7. A scattering of small increases throughout Other Commodities and Services was sufficient to move this series from 126.5 to 126.9. Small increases were noted for gasoline, street car and bus fares, taxi fares, newspapers, drugs and items of personal care. A further advance was reported for hospital room rates.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
August 1957	122.6	120.2	135.3	108.2	119.7	126.9
July 1957	121.9	118.2	135.1	108.4	119.6	126.5
August 1956	119.1	115.9	133.0	108.4	116.8	121.3

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)

(1935-1939 = 100)

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The index of 30 Industrial Materials changed fractionally from 240.2 to 239.6 between the weeks

of July 26th and August 23rd. Among commodity price movements, raw sugar was again weak while lesser losses occurred for copper, raw cotton, raw rubber, tin, hogs, wheat, iron ore and bleached sulphite pulp. On the other hand, gains were noted for structural steel shapes, cottonseed oil, sisal, linseed oil, steers and beef hides. Strength in the Canadian dollar continues to be a direct influence on prices of commodities entering foreign trade.

Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets registered a slight increase during August as the composite index moved up 0.8 per cent from 213.9 to 215.6 between the weeks of July 26th and August 23rd. At the group level, Animal Products strengthened 1.2 per cent from 273.6 to 276.9 due to higher prices for butterfat, cheesemilk, steers, Eastern calves and Western eggs and hogs. These more than offset declines for lambs, Eastern hogs and eggs and Western fluid milk. In Field Products, the group index recorded no net change at 154.2 when sharp increases in Western potato prices and smaller gains for rye, Eastern oats and barley and Western flax were balanced by losses for potatoes, peas, corn and wheat on Eastern markets and Western oats.

Initial payment prices for Western grains for the crop year August 1957-July 1958 were announced by the Canadian Wheat Board on June 13th. For those series used in the Canadian Farm Products index, prices were unchanged from the previous crop year with the exception of oats, quotations for which were reduced by 5 cents per bushel.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 26th	Aug. 2nd	Aug. 9th	Aug. 16th	Aug. 23rd	Aug. 1956	July 1957	Aug. 1957 ^P
Industrial Materials.....	240.2	239.8	239.8	239.8	239.6	249.2	239.8	239.8
Canadian Farm Products	213.9	213.0	211.4	212.1	215.6	214.7	212.7	213.0
Field	154.2	154.4	153.9	154.5	154.2	171.1	155.1	154.2
Animal.....	273.6	271.6	268.9	269.6	276.9	258.2	270.2	271.8

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

- (1) All 1957 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

Continued weakness in common stock prices throughout

August brought the Investors' Index of 95 issues from 280.3 to 252.0 over the four week period July 25th to August 22nd, for a loss of 10.1 per cent. All major groups shared in the decline as 75 Industrials fell 10.8 per cent from 296.5 to 264.5; 7 Banks 9.7 per cent from 278.5 to 251.6 and 13 Utilities 6.0 per cent from 210.5 to 197.8. Among sub-groups, major declines occurred for Machinery and Equipment down 17.8 per cent, Industrial Mines 12.0, Oils 10.1, Transportation 9.3 and Power and Traction 9.2. Two groups, viz. Milling and Telephones showed minor net gains.

Mining stocks showed a comparable decline as the composite index of 27 issues fell 11.6 per cent from 120.4 to 106.4 reflecting weakness in both component groups. The index for 6 Base Metals dropped 14.9 per cent from 217.8 to 185.4 while 21 Gold issues moved down 7.6 per cent from 77.8 to 71.9.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 25th	Aug. 1st	Aug. 8th	Aug. 15th	Aug. 22nd	Aug. 1956	July 1957	Aug. P 1957
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	280.3	274.7	266.5	253.6	252.0	291.8	284.7	261.7
75 Industrials.....	296.5	290.2	280.4	266.4	264.5	308.9	301.6	275.4
13 Utilities.....	210.5	208.5	205.3	196.6	197.8	215.7	213.8	202.0
7 Banks	278.5	272.3	267.6	256.9	251.6	295.4	277.8	262.1
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	120.4	118.4	111.3	106.4	106.4	147.1	122.8	110.6
21 Golds	77.8	77.8	74.2	70.7	71.9	79.5	79.3	73.6
6 Base Metals	217.8	211.3	196.4	188.2	185.4	301.9	222.2	195.3

P - Preliminary, average of four weeks.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100) A further rise of 0.6 per cent in the Consumer Price Index occurred between August and September, bringing the index to 123.3 from 122.6. The increase was almost entirely seasonal, and a 1.4 per cent increase in the Food index from 120.2 to 121.9 was the main factor in determining the level of the September index. Increases were reported for eggs, pork and butter as well as higher prices for oranges, bananas and lettuce, although other fruits and vegetables were lower. The Shelter index increased from 135.3 to 135.6 as the home-ownership component advanced more than rents. The Clothing index rose fractionally from 108.2 to 108.3 as price increases were reported for a number of items of men's wear, including new fall lines; these were partially offset by further decreases in women's wear brought about, in part, by sale prices. Fractionally higher prices for furniture, floor coverings, utensils and equipment, household supplies and services moved the Household Operation index from 119.7 to 119.8. Further seasonal increases for coal were balanced by lower prices for fuel oil. An increase in the Other Commodities and Services index from 126.9 to 127.1 reflected higher prices for automobile repairs and servicing, automobile insurance, local street car and bus fares and some railway fares. Automobile prices showed further decreases.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
September 1957	123.3	121.9	135.6	108.3	119.8	127.1
August 1957	122.6	120.2	135.3	108.2	119.7	126.9
September 1956	119.0	115.5	133.1	108.4	117.1	121.4

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials declined a further 1.5 per cent from 238.8 to 235.3 between the weeks ending August 30th and September 27th. In the period under review hog prices fell sharply while significant declines also occurred for steel scrap and steers. Slightly lower were copper, beef hides, raw wool, raw rubber, linseed oil, rosin, crude oil, sisal and wheat. A number of items moved up due mainly to the easier tone for the Canadian dollar in terms of United States funds. These included oats, tin, raw sugar, iron ore, bleached sulphite pulp and raw cotton.

As of September 27th the level of the composite index has fallen 5.9 per cent since the week of January 4, 1957, from 250.0. In this period non-ferrous metals have continued to plummet, zinc falling 28.6 per cent, copper 25.9 and lead 14.5. Other major losses were for raw rubber 22.0 per cent and steel scrap 18.5 per cent, while lesser but still important declines occurred for fir timber, steers, linseed oil, oats, hogs and tin. A few commodities moved against the downward trend.

Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets declined 6.1 per cent in the four weeks August 30th to September 27th, from 213.9 to 200.8. Chiefly responsible was a sharp drop in the Animal Products group from 275.3 to 248.7 amounting to 9.7 per cent. Substantial price declines for hogs were reinforced by losses for most other livestock, as well as for wool, Eastern eggs and Western fluid milk. A few items were firmer including Eastern poultry and calves and Western cheesemilk and butterfat. Field Products moved fractionally higher, changing from 152.6 to 153.0 as increases for Eastern grain and potatoes over-balanced losses for potatoes and rye in the West. Regional indexes both declined as the Eastern index fell 6.5 per cent from 231.7 to 216.6 and the Western series 5.7 per cent from 196.2 to 185.1.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 30th	Sept. 6th	Sept. 13th	Sept. 20th	Sept. 27th	Sept. 1956	Aug. 1957	Sept. P 1957
Industrial Materials.....	238.8	237.9	238.2	237.9	235.3	249.5	238.6	237.3
Canadian Farm Products	213.9	210.4	208.4	206.9	200.8	209.9	212.6	206.6
Field	152.6	153.3	153.3	153.3	153.0	160.3	153.8	153.2
Animal.....	275.3	267.5	263.5	260.5	248.7	259.6	271.3	260.0

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

(1) All 1957 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices registered further substantial weakness during September as the Investors' Index dropped 7.0 per cent from 248.4 for the week of August 29th, to 231.0 for the week of September 26th, bringing the series to a point 20.6 per cent below the year's peak of 290.8 touched June 13th. The all-time high for this index occurred the week of August 9th, 1956, when it was 297.8. Major group indexes were all lower during September (all-time high indexes are shown in brackets): 75 Industrials fell 7.5 per cent from 260.3 to 240.9 (315.9, August 9th, 1956); 7 Banks 5.9 per cent from 252.8 to 237.9 (304.7, August 2nd, 1956); and 13 Utilities 5.0 per cent from 194.6 to 184.9 (219.0, August 9th, 1956). Among sub-groups, sharp losses occurred for Milling 10.5 per cent, Oils 9.6, Machinery and Equipment 8.9, Building Materials 8.7, and Power and Traction 7.9 while the remaining sub-group indexes recorded lesser declines.

For Mining stocks the drop was more moderate in the period under review. The composite index of 27 issues fell 2.7 per cent from 104.9 to 102.1 reflecting weakness for both sub-groups. Golds moved down 2.8 per cent from 71.3 to 69.3, while 6 Base Metals changed 2.6 per cent from 181.9 to 177.2.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 29th	Sept. 5th	Sept. 12th	Sept. 19th	Sept. 26th	Sept. 1956	Aug. 1957	Sept. 1957
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	248.4	248.9	246.0	242.7	231.0	278.9	259.0	242.2
75 Industrials.....	260.3	260.1	257.2	253.1	240.9	294.4	272.4	252.8
13 Utilities.....	194.6	196.5	192.6	191.0	184.9	209.2	200.6	191.2
7 Banks	252.8	257.1	256.3	257.4	237.9	283.8	260.2	252.2
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	104.9	106.0	104.6	105.8	102.1	137.4	109.5	104.6
21 Golds	71.3	73.3	71.1	72.0	69.3	74.1	73.2	71.4
6 Base Metals	181.9	181.0	181.3	183.2	177.2	282.2	192.6	180.7

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

OCTOBER 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index remained almost unchanged between September and October, moving from 123.3 to 123.4. A year ago the index was at a level of 119.8. In the current month a decline in the Food index from 121.9 to 121.7 was not quite sufficient to balance increases in the other four component groups. Substantially lower prices were reported for pork, with lesser declines for beef, most fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, margarine, coffee and eggs. These declines were partially offset by higher prices for milk in a number of cities, butter, cereal items, tomatoes and oranges. The Shelter index moved from 135.6 to 135.9 as a result of further continued increases in both the rent and home-ownership components. Price increases for new seasonal lines, particularly women's and girls' winter coats, were largely responsible for moving the Clothing index from 108.3 to 108.7. A rise in the Household Operation index from 119.8 to 120.1 resulted from scattered increases in fuel, floor coverings, household supplies and appliances. In appliances, lower prices were reported for electric refrigerators and ranges, with price increases showing up on washing machines and vacuum cleaners. The fuel index was affected by higher prices for coal and lower fuel oil prices in parts of Eastern Canada. Further general increases in doctors, dentists and optometrists fees, as well as higher prepaid health care rates in the Maritimes, moved the Other Commodities and Services index from 127.1 to 127.4.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
October 1957	123.4	121.7	135.9	108.7	120.1	127.4
September 1957	123.3	121.9	135.6	108.3	119.8	127.1
October 1956	119.8	117.4	133.3	108.5	117.7	121.6

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials decreased a further 1.0 per cent in the four-week period September 27th to October 24th, from 235.3 to 232.9. This downward trend has continued for nine months, lowering the index 7.5 per cent. Steel scrap and raw sugar again registered substantial price declines, followed by smaller decreases for hogs, steers, lead, tin, white lead, oats, wheat, raw rubber and iron ore. Higher prices were reported for beef hides, linseed oil, raw cotton, bleached sulphite pulp and copper. Items entering international trade reflected the slightly weaker foreign exchange position of the Canadian dollar.

Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets were almost unchanged at 200.6 in the week of October 24th, compared to 200.8 for September 26th. Price changes scattered throughout the index were for the most part minor. The Field Product index moved down from 153.0 to 152.7 reflecting losses for Eastern potatoes, corn and oats which were almost balanced by increases for Western flax and rye, and Eastern peas and wheat. In Animal Products, for which the index fell from 248.9 to 248.5, declines were reported for hogs, lambs, and steers in the East, and for Western fluid milk and eggs. Substantially higher quotations were recorded for calves and Eastern eggs, with lesser increases for Western steers and Eastern fluid milk and cheesemilk.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Sept. 27th	Oct. 3rd	Oct. 10th	Oct. 17th	Oct. 24th	Oct. 1956	Sept. 1957	Oct. ^P 1957
Industrial Materials.....	235.3	233.5	233.9	233.8	232.9	247.7	236.4	233.5
Canadian Farm Products	200.8	199.2	199.8	200.8	200.6	208.1	208.5	200.1
Field	153.0	152.7	152.8	152.7	152.7	159.9	153.2	152.7
Animal.....	248.9	245.7	246.8	248.9	248.5	256.2	263.8	247.5

P-Preliminary, average of weeks.

(1) All 1957 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: Common stock prices again dropped sharply in October, affecting (1935-1939 = 100)

in varying degree all groups and sub-group indexes. Between

September 26th and October 24th, the series fell for three successive weeks to new 1957 lows, from which there was modest recovery in the fourth week. Net loss for the Investors' Total Index of 95 issues in October was 7.5 per cent, from 231.0 to 213.7; for 75 Industrials 8.2 per cent from 240.9 to 221.2; for 13 Utilities 6.4 per cent from 184.9 to 173.0; and for 7 Banks 2.4 per cent from 237.9 to 232.2. Sub-groups showing significant declines included Industrial Mines, Oils, Power and Traction, Transportation, Machinery and Equipment and Building Materials.

Major declines for Mining stocks were shared by both component groups. The composite index of 27 issues fell to its lowest point since June 1954, losing 12.1 per cent over the four weeks, from 102.1 to 89.7. For 21 Gold issues, the index fell 13.1 per cent from 69.3 to 60.2 and for 6 Base Metals 11.3 per cent from 177.2 to 157.2.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Sept. 26th	Oct. 3rd	Oct. 10th	Oct. 17th	Oct. 24th	Oct. 1956	Sept. 1957	Oct. (P.) 1957
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	231.0	234.8	222.3	210.1	213.7	270.3	242.2	220.2
75 Industrials.....	240.9	245.1	230.3	218.1	221.2	284.8	252.8	228.7
13 Utilities.....	184.9	185.6	179.4	170.0	173.0	205.1	191.2	177.0
7 Banks	237.9	245.5	240.7	222.3	232.2	275.3	252.2	235.2
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	102.1	103.3	97.5	91.1	89.7	133.5	104.6	95.4
21 Golds	69.3	69.7	64.8	60.9	60.2	72.5	71.4	63.9
6 Base Metals	177.2	180.3	172.4	160.1	157.2	273.3	180.7	167.5

P. Preliminary. Average of four weeks.

N.B. Enquiries concerning indexes in this release should be directed to The Prices Section, Labour and Prices Division.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

NOVEMBER 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index recorded its first decline in ten months as it moved from 123.4 to 123.3 between October and November. The index now stands 2.5 per cent above the level of a year ago. In the month under review, a substantial decrease in the Food index was not quite offset by increases in the other four groups. Foods declined 1.2 per cent from 121.7 to 120.2 as appreciably lower prices were reported for all pork cuts, and smaller but still significant decreases for beef. Prices were slightly lower for grapefruit, coffee, sugar, canned fruits and most Canadian grown fresh vegetables. The only noteworthy price increases were those registered for oranges, tomatoes and lettuce. The Shelter index continued its long uninterrupted rise, moving from 135.9 to 136.3. The rent component remained practically unchanged, up only 0.1 per cent. The home-ownership series advanced 0.5 per cent, reflecting 1957 property taxes. The Clothing index recorded the sharpest rise in some time moving from 108.7 to 109.8. Women's fur coats, children's winter coats, parkas and snow suits were priced in November at levels higher than those prevailing at the end of last winter. Men's overcoats, children's shoes and rayon dress material were higher than the previous month. The Household Operation index rose from 120.1 to 120.5 as coal prices increased seasonally and prices were higher for furniture and dishes. Other Commodities and Services increased from 127.4 to 127.7, despite further declines in 1957 model cars, as price increases were recorded for a wide variety of items - taxi fares, theatre admissions, film, pharmaceuticals, beer, most personal care supplies, men's haircuts and women's hairdressing.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
November 1957	123.3	120.2	136.3	109.8	120.5	127.7
October 1957	123.4	121.7	135.9	108.7	120.1	127.4
November 1956	120.3	117.9	133.4	108.4	118.1	122.8

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials again eased over the four-week period October 25th to

November 22nd, moving from 232.9 to 230.5. This is a continuation of the downward trend of this series apparent over most of 1957. Prices were lower for raw wool, steel scrap, beef hides, raw rubber, raw sugar, tin, spruce lumber, sisal, copper, hogs, rosin and wheat. Partially offsetting increases were noted for steers, linseed oil, raw cotton, oats, iron ore and bleached sulphite pulp. The relatively weaker position of the Canadian dollar in terms of United States funds continued to be a factor in foreign trade commodity price fluctuations.

The index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets rose fractionally in the four-week period October 25th to November 22nd, from 200.6 to 201.7. The Field Products index edged up from 152.7 to 153.6 reflecting higher prices for potatoes, flax, Western rye and Eastern wheat. Only corn was slightly lower. For Animal Products the slight index advance from 248.5 to 249.8 was due to increases for steers, lambs and fluid milk, and for calves on Western markets. Almost balancing the increases were price declines for raw wool, eggs, hogs, and calves in the East. The Eastern index moved slightly higher, from 214.9 to 217.4, while the Western series dropped fractionally from 186.2 to 185.9.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 25th	Nov. 1st	Nov. 8th	Nov. 15th	Nov. 22nd	Nov. 1956	Oct. 1957	Nov. P 1957
Industrial Materials.....	232.9	232.0	229.4	229.6	230.5	247.7	232.5	230.4
Canadian Farm Products	200.6	198.3	198.0	199.5	201.7	209.5	200.7	199.4
Field	152.7	153.0	153.3	153.6	153.6	163.1	152.8	153.4
Animal.....	248.5	243.6	242.8	245.4	249.8	255.9	248.6	245.4

P - Preliminary, average of four weeks.

- (1) All 1957 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stock prices, after exhibiting mid-month weakness, subsequently recovered to register a net advance of 3.5 per cent from 217.2 to 224.7 between October 31st and November 28th. The month-end index now stands 22.7 per cent below the 1957 weekly high of 290.8 (June 13th) but 6.9 per cent above the low of 210.1 touched October 17th. Among major groups advances over the month were as follows: 75 Industrials 3.9 per cent from 225.1 to 233.8; 7 Banks 3.8 per cent from 234.0 to 243.0; and 13 Utilities 0.9 per cent from 175.5 to 177.1. Net increases for sub-groups were led by Beverages, Foods and Allied Products, and Oils. Two groups, Transportation and Machinery and Equipment, moved down slightly.

Mining stock prices, after opening strength, weakened to close the month almost unchanged at 93.9 as against 93.3 for the final week of October. Modest improvement occurred for both component groups as 21 Golds advanced from 61.5 to 61.9, and 6 Base Metals from 166.0 to 167.2.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 31st	Nov. 7th	Nov. 14th	Nov. 21st	Nov. 28th	Nov. 1956	Oct. 1957	Nov. 1957
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	217.2	219.2	211.6	219.0	224.7	262.3	219.6	218.6
75 Industrials.....	225.1	227.4	217.9	225.8	233.8	276.0	228.0	226.2
13 Utilities.....	175.5	176.7	174.1	176.9	177.1	200.3	176.7	176.2
7 Banks	234.0	235.1	235.8	248.1	243.0	268.8	234.9	240.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	93.3	95.8	91.1	92.7	93.9	127.4	95.0	93.4
21 Golds	61.5	61.1	60.3	61.5	61.9	68.6	63.4	61.2
6 Base Metals	166.0	175.3	161.5	164.0	167.2	262.2	167.2	167.0

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

DECEMBER 1957

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

A decrease of 0.2 per cent in the Consumer Price Index between November and December 1957, from 123.3 to 123.1, marked the second consecutive month in which the index has declined. As in the previous month, the decrease was attributable to a decline in the Food index, which was partially offset by increases in the other groups. In the current month the Food index decreased 1.2 per cent from 120.2 to 118.8. The same percentage decrease in the food series was registered between October and November, and of the total decrease of 2.4 per cent between October and December, about one-half was seasonal. Among food items eggs were down 7 cents per dozen, with bacon, lettuce and imported fresh fruits also registering decreases. Smaller declines were shown for coffee, tea, sugar and margarine. Beef prices increased for the first time since August, and tomatoes and celery were higher in price. The Shelter index rose from 136.3 to 136.7 under the influence of both the rent and home-ownership components. The Clothing index was fractionally higher at 109.9 as the result of small scattered increases. A 0.1 per cent rise to 120.6 in the Household Operation index also reflected scattered price changes, with increases slightly more important than decreases. A relatively sharp increase in the Other Commodities and Services index from 127.7 to 128.4 was largely due to December prices of 1958 model cars, as compared with November prices of 1957 models. Gasoline prices were easier while toilet soap was higher.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
December 1957	123.1	118.8	136.7	109.9	120.6	128.4
November 1957	123.3	120.2	136.3	109.8	120.5	127.7
December 1956	120.4	117.5	133.5	108.6	118.6	122.9

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

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The price index of 30 Industrial Materials moved up fractionally from 231.4 to 233.2 in the four-week period November 29th to December 27th. This change mainly reflected higher prices for tin and rubber which were influenced by political events in the Far East, and the weaker position of the Canadian dollar. In addition, a firmer tone was noted for a number of other commodities including linseed oil, steers, raw sugar, copper, wheat, sisal, bituminous coal, raw cotton, iron ore and bleached sulphite pulp. Partially offsetting declines occurred for hogs, domestic lead, steel scrap, beef hides, white lead and oats. Over the past year the composite index has declined 6.9 per cent from 250.4.

The index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets changed 0.9 per cent in the four weeks under review from 203.8 to 205.6 reflecting equal gains for the two major groups. Compared to 210.0 for the same week a year ago, however, the index is down 2.1 per cent. The index for Field Products moved up from 154.2 to 155.6 between November 29th and December 27th as small gains were reported for potatoes on both Eastern and Western markets and for raw leaf tobacco, peas, corn and wheat in the East. Animal Products rose from 253.4 to 255.6 when increases for calves, steers, lambs and Eastern cheesemilk overbalanced lower quotations for eggs, hogs, poultry in the East, and fluid milk in the West. Regional indexes were both higher, the Eastern series rising from 219.9 to 221.5 and the Western from 187.7 to 189.6.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 29th	Dec. 6th	Dec. 13th	Dec. 20th	Dec. 27th	Dec. 1956	Nov. 1957	Dec. P 1957
Industrial Materials.....	231.4	232.5	233.0	232.6	233.2	249.8	228.9	232.8
Canadian Farm Products	203.8	204.3	204.8	204.2	205.6	210.4	199.7	204.7
Field	154.2	154.3	155.2	155.4	155.6	164.4	153.7	155.1
Animal.....	253.4	254.4	254.3	253.1	255.6	256.4	245.7	254.4

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

(1) All 1957 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks fell 5.6 per cent between November 28th and December 26th, from 224.7 to 212.1.

At this level the index is 27.1 per cent below the 1957 weekly high of 290.8 touched June 13th, and 21.3 per cent below the final week of 1956. Losses were registered by all major groups: 75 Industrials fell 6.2 per cent from 233.8 to 219.3; 7 Banks 4.6 per cent from 243.0 to 231.9; and 13 Utilities 2.7 per cent from 177.1 to 172.4. All sub-groups but three showed losses, chief of which were Oils, Industrial Mines, Transportation, and Machinery and Equipment. Slight improvement occurred in Textiles and Clothing, Food and Allied Products, and Telephones.

A similar pattern occurred in Mining stocks. In the four-week period under review a fall of 7.3 per cent in the composite index from 93.9 to 87.0 brought the series to the lowest point since March 1954. Over the past year the index decline amounted to 33.4 per cent. For 6 Base Metals an index change of 9.8 per cent from 167.2 to 150.8 brought this series to its 1957 low and a drop of 44.1 per cent over the year. The index for 21 Gold stocks changed from 61.9 to 59.1 for a decline of 4.5 per cent and a drop of 15.3 per cent under the same week of 1956.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 28th	Dec. 5th	Dec. 12th	Dec. 19th	Dec. 26th	Dec. 1956	Nov. 1957	Dec. 1957
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	224.7	223.3	217.1	212.2	212.1	267.8	218.6	216.2
75 Industrials.....	233.8	232.3	225.3	219.3	219.3	281.7	226.2	224.0
13 Utilities.....	177.1	177.0	174.2	171.9	172.4	203.6	176.2	173.9
7 Banks	243.0	240.1	233.7	233.9	231.9	276.2	240.5	234.9
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	93.9	94.0	89.0	87.5	87.0	129.4	93.4	89.4
21 Golds	61.9	62.6	59.7	58.4	59.1	68.9	61.2	60.0
6 Base Metals.....	167.2	166.0	156.1	154.1	150.8	267.8	167.0	156.8

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

JANUARY 1958

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

A rise of 0.2 per cent in the Consumer Price Index, from 123.1 to 123.4 between December 1957 and January 1958, brought the index back to the October 1957 high, following two declines totalling the same amount in November and December. Increases in both the Food and Other Commodities and Services indexes were responsible for most of the current month's movement. Foods rose from 118.8 to 119.4 as beef prices continued to show strength, with some cuts up 4 cents a pound. Imported citrus fruits and lamb were up substantially, while most fresh vegetables and veal showed lesser increases. Price declines were few; eggs registered a further decrease of 3 cents a dozen, and pork was down fractionally. Higher prices for newspapers in twelve Canadian cities, combined with advances in hospital rates in Winnipeg, more than offset somewhat lower prices for new passenger cars and gasoline as Other Commodities and Services rose from 128.4 to 129.1. Mixed price trends in Household Operation items left the index slightly higher at 120.8 compared with 120.6 in December. Coal prices were higher but fuel oil and domestic gas declined; a number of furniture items moved to slightly lower levels with living room suites at higher prices; appliances, particularly refrigerators, registered price declines but household supplies and services were up. The Shelter index declined fractionally from 136.7 to 136.6 as rents were unchanged and the home-ownership component eased slightly. The Clothing index dropped more than a point, from 109.9 to 108.8, as annual January sales were reflected in lower prices for men's suits and coats, women's cloth and fur coats and girl's winter coats. Footwear prices edged up.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
January 1958	123.4	119.4	136.6	108.8	120.8	129.1
December 1957	123.1	118.8	136.7	109.9	120.6	128.4
January 1957	120.3	117.1	133.6	107.6	119.0	123.1

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials eased fractionally from 233.2 to 232.6 between December 27th and January 24th, as offsetting price changes occurred for a number of commodities. Most significant declines were noted for copper, steel scrap, cottonseed oil, and linseed oil, while oats, bleached sulphite pulp, wheat and raw cotton also weakened. Beef hides, steers, hogs, sisal, tin, iron ore, raw sugar, and raw rubber worked higher.

Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets rose 2.4 per cent from 205.6 to 210.6 in the four-week period December 27th to January 24th. Strength was relatively greater in Animal Products as this index advanced 2.9 per cent from 255.6 to 263.0. Quotations were higher for most livestock items and Eastern butterfat, while eggs and Western fluid milk moved lower. An increase of 1.6 per cent from 155.7 to 158.2 for Field Products reflected price increases for potatoes and hogs, Eastern peas and wheat. Lower prices in the group were noted for rye and flax in the West and corn on Eastern markets. Regional indexes were both higher; the Eastern series moved up 2.9 per cent from 221.6 to 228.1, and that for the West 1.8 per cent from 189.6 to 193.1.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Dec. 27th	Jan. 3rd	Jan. 10th	Jan. 17th	Jan. 24th	Jan. 1957	Dec. 1957	Jan. P 1958
Industrial Materials.....	233.2	233.2	233.0	232.6	232.6	251.1	231.8	232.8
Canadian Farm Products	205.6	207.5	206.8	208.8	210.6	211.6	204.6	208.4
Field	155.7	156.1	156.8	157.8	158.2	166.0	155.4	157.2
Animal.....	255.6	259.0	256.8	259.9	263.0	257.2	253.7	259.7

P - Preliminary, average of four weeks.

- (1) All 1957 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices registered a slightly firmer tone in the opening month of 1958 as the Investors' Index of 95 issues advanced 2.5 per cent between the weeks of December 26th and January 30th from 212.1 to 217.5. Utilities rose 5.1 per cent from 172.4 to 181.2, chiefly reflecting strength in Transportation issues. Banks changed 2.1 per cent from 231.9 to 236.7 while 75 Industrials stiffened 2.1 per cent from 219.3 to 223.9. Among sub-group indexes, Transportation stocks registered the largest gain with an advance of 12.4 per cent followed by Food and Allied Products 5.5; Industrial Mines 5.0 per cent; Beverages 4.4 per cent, and Power and Traction 3.9 per cent. Three groups were slightly weaker on balance, viz. Milling, Textiles and Clothing, and Oils.

Mining stocks recovered from the low of 87.0 for the last week of December to show a net gain of 8.9 per cent to 94.7 by January 30th. Chiefly responsible was strength in Golds, which was reflected in a 13.0 per cent increase in the sub-group index, from 59.1 to 66.8. Base Metals firmed 5.1 per cent from 150.8 to 158.5.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1957	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Dec. 26th	Jan. 2nd	Jan. 9th	Jan. 16th	Jan. 23rd	Jan. 30th	Jan. 1957	Dec. 1957	Jan. 1958
Investors' Price Index									
95 Common Stocks	212.1	212.6	214.8	216.7	215.4	217.5	273.7	216.2	215.4
75 Industrials.....	219.3	220.3	221.7	223.5	221.7	223.9	287.3	224.0	222.2
13 Utilities.....	172.4	172.0	177.6	180.4	179.3	181.2	207.5	173.9	178.1
7 Banks	231.9	229.0	232.2	233.0	235.7	236.7	289.9	234.9	233.3
Mining Stock Price Index									
27 Stocks.....	87.0	89.0	90.3	90.5	93.2	94.7	129.9	89.4	91.5
21 Golds	59.1	60.7	62.6	62.9	67.2	66.8	70.6	60.0	64.0
6 Base Metals	150.8	153.9	153.8	153.8	152.8	158.5	265.7	156.8	154.6

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

FEBRUARY 1958

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.2 per cent from 123.4 to a new high of 123.7 between January and February 1958. An increase in the Food index accounted for most of the current change, with upward movements in Shelter and Other Commodities and Services also contributing to the overall rise. Both the Clothing and Household Operation indexes remained unchanged.

The Food index rose from 119.4 to 119.9 as increases were registered for most items of fruit, vegetables and meats. Advances were greatest for oranges, fresh tomatoes and beef. The only decline of consequence was a further drop of 4 cents per dozen in egg prices. Other Commodities and Services moved from 129.1 to 129.5 mainly on the strength of further widespread increases in hospital rates, which averaged 3 per cent. Fractionally higher prices were reported for pharmaceuticals and personal care items, including toothpaste, toilet soap and shaving cream. The Shelter index edged up from 136.6 to 136.9 following slight advances in both the rent and home-ownership components.

The Clothing index remained unchanged at 108.8 as lower prices for rayon piece goods and a wide range of children's clothing balanced higher prices for some items of men's and women's wear. The Household Operation index, unchanged at 120.8, also reflected slight and offsetting price movements as textiles and household supplies were higher and furniture and floor coverings were at lower levels.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
February 1958	123.7	119.9	136.9	108.8	120.8	129.5
January 1958	123.4	119.4	136.6	108.8	120.8	129.1
February 1957	120.5	117.2	133.8	107.4	119.1	123.8

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials was almost unchanged at 233.1 in the week of February 21st compared to 232.9 for the week ending January 31st. Higher prices for steers provided most of the upward influence, with offsetting decreases recorded for linseed oil, raw cotton, raw sugar, and sisal.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets rose 2.3 per cent from 212.4 to 217.2 in the three-week period January 31st to February 21st. Chiefly responsible were increases in Animal Products for which the index advanced 3.3 per cent from 266.6 to 275.5. Calves were sharply higher, followed by lesser increases for other livestock items, and eggs. In the East butterfat was slightly lower. The Field Products group index edged up from 158.2 to 158.9 reflecting gains for potatoes, Western hay and Eastern corn which were almost balanced by declines in the East for peas and wheat. Regional indexes both registered increases as the Eastern series changed 2.6 per cent from 230.7 to 236.7 and the Western index 1.8 per cent from 194.2 to 197.7.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended				Monthly Average		
	Jan. 31st	Feb. 7th	Feb. 14th	Feb. 21st	Feb. 1957	Jan. 1958	Feb. 1958 (P)
Industrial Materials.....	232.9	232.4	231.9	233.1	248.4	231.8	232.5
Canadian Farm Products	212.4	211.5	212.7	217.2	213.2	208.4	213.8
Field.....	158.2	158.0	157.3	158.9	167.4	157.5	158.1
Animal.....	266.6	265.0	268.1	275.5	259.0	259.3	269.5

P - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

- (1) All 1957 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stock prices moved moderately lower in February as the index declined 1.2 per cent from 217.5 for January 30th to 214.9 at February 27th. Major group indexes presented a mixed picture as 75 Industrials eased down 1.8 per cent from 223.9 to 219.9; 13 Utilities was unchanged at 181.2; and 7 Banks rose 2.3 per cent from 236.7 to 242.2. Losses for four sub-groups, Transportation (6.1 per cent), Machinery and Equipment (5.7), Oils (3.9) and Industrial Mines (1.5) overbalanced increases for 8 sub-groups which ranged down from 12.2 per cent for Milling to 1.2 per cent for Food and Allied Products.

The composite index of 27 Mining stocks was practically unchanged, moving from 94.7 to 94.8 in the four weeks under review. An increase of 3.7 per cent for 21 Gold stocks, from 66.8 to 69.3, overbalanced a decline of 3.3 per cent for 6 Base Metals from 158.5 to 153.2.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 30th	Feb. 6th	Feb. 13th	Feb. 20th	Feb. 27th	Feb. 1957	Jan. 1958	Feb. 1958
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	217.5	222.6	217.3	218.3	214.9	263.2	215.4	218.3
75 Industrials.....	223.9	229.5	222.9	223.0	219.9	276.0	222.2	223.8
13 Utilities.....	181.2	184.0	181.7	183.0	181.2	203.6	178.1	182.5
7 Banks	236.7	242.0	244.0	252.6	242.2	271.3	233.3	245.2
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	94.7	96.6	94.8	95.1	94.8	122.2	91.5	95.3
21 Golds	66.8	67.8	67.9	68.3	69.3	69.3	64.0	68.3
6 Base Metals	158.5	162.7	156.5	156.3	153.2	243.2	154.6	157.2

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

MARCH 1958

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The Consumer Price Index rose 0.5 per cent from 123.7 to 124.3 between February and March 1958 to reach a new high for the second successive month. Although all five component groups increased, it was an unusual seasonal advance of 1.2 per cent in foods which accounted for most of the movement in the total index. Normally, the Food index shows little change between February and March, but recent weather and crop conditions in the southern United States have had a considerable impact on prices in Canada for potatoes, cabbage, onions and citrus fruits. These increases, combined with sharp advances in eggs and a further rise in beef and pork prices, carried the Food index from 119.9 to 121.3. Declines of any consequence were limited to fresh tomatoes, sugar, coffee and margarine.

The Shelter index moved from 136.9 to 137.1 as both the rent and home-ownership components registered further fractional advances. An increase in the Clothing index, from 108.8 to 109.5, was largely a reflection of higher prices on spring lines of coats compared with prices in effect at the close of last year's season, although an increase in the sales tax in Montreal resulted in slightly higher national average clothing prices. The Household Operation index rose from 120.8 to 121.1 with small increases on a wide range of items of home furnishings, household supplies and services, also reflecting to a considerable degree the change in the Montreal sales tax. The Other Commodities and Services index moved from 129.5 to 129.6 as prices were higher for local street car and bus fares, pharmaceuticals and personal care items. New passenger car prices eased somewhat, and gasoline prices dropped slightly as the result of local gasoline price "wars" in several Ontario cities.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
March 1958	124.3	121.3	137.1	109.5	121.1	129.6
February 1958	123.7	119.9	136.9	108.8	120.8	129.5
March 1957	120.5	116.4	134.0	108.2	119.5	124.2

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials edged down from 232.8 to 231.4 in the three-week period, February 28th to March 21st. Moderate price declines were recorded for raw wool and beef hides, while smaller losses occurred for sisal, rayon yarn, raw sugar, hogs, raw rubber, tin, raw cotton, wheat, iron ore and bleached sulphite pulp. Higher were steers and linseed oil. A slightly more favourable exchange rate for the Canadian dollar in terms of United States funds acted as a depressant for those commodities entering international trade.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 2.2 per cent in the period under review, from 216.7 to 221.4. The increase of 3.4 per cent for Field Products from 164.4 to 170.0 reflected chiefly sharp price increases for potatoes although Western flax, rye and hay and Eastern corn were also firmer. Peas moved lower. For Animal Products the index advance of 1.5 per cent from 268.9 to 272.8 reflected increases for steers in addition to lambs, eggs and butterfat in the East. Partially cancelling the advances were declines for hogs, calves, raw wool, Western eggs and Western fluid milk. Both regional indexes moved higher, with the Eastern series rising 3.1 per cent from 238.0 to 245.4 and the Western index 1.1 per cent from 195.3 to 197.5.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended				Monthly Average		
	Feb. 28th	March 7th	March 14th	March 21st	March 1957	Feb. 1958	March ^(P) 1958
Industrial Materials.....	232.8	231.7	231.5	231.4	247.0	231.7	231.5
Canadian Farm Products	216.7	218.5	219.4	221.4	209.8	214.0	219.8
Field	164.4	166.8	167.2	170.0	166.3	159.6	168.0
Animal.....	268.9	270.3	271.5	272.8	253.4	268.4	271.5

P - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

- (1) All 1957 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' weekly Index of 95 common stocks moved from 214.9

for the week of February 27th to a peak of 224.2 for the week

of March 13th, but subsequently weakened to 220.9 by the 27th for a net gain of 2.8 per cent in the four-week period February 27th to March 27th. Two of the three major groups were firmer as 75 Industrials advanced 3.7 per cent from 219.9 to 228.0 and 13 Utilities edged up from 181.2 to 182.4. On the other hand, 7 Banks eased 1.7 per cent from 242.2 to 238.0. Sub-group changes were led by increases of 11.6 per cent for Textiles and Clothing, 7.4 per cent for Machinery and Equipment, 7.0 per cent for Building Materials and 5.3 per cent for Transportation. Four sub-groups moved lower viz: Milling, Pulp and Paper, Power and Traction and Telephones.

Mining stocks were also moderately stronger as the composite index rose 2.3 per cent from 94.8 to 97.0. Base Metals were responsible for the increase as the index for this series gained 6.0 per cent from 153.2 to 162.4. A decline of 1.3 per cent from 69.3 to 68.4 occurred for 21 Golds in the same interval.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 27th	March 6th	March 13th	March 20th	March 27th	March 1957	Feb. 1958	March 1958
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	214.9	220.9	224.2	220.1	220.9	267.5	218.3	221.5
75 Industrials.....	219.9	227.4	232.2	227.3	228.0	281.0	223.8	228.7
13 Utilities.....	181.2	184.3	183.6	182.1	182.4	209.2	182.5	183.1
7 Banks	242.2	239.7	237.9	235.3	238.0	266.2	245.2	237.7
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	94.8	94.5	97.5	96.4	97.0	123.3	95.3	96.4
21 Golds	69.3	66.6	68.4	67.8	68.4	68.1	68.3	67.8
6 Base Metals.....	153.2	158.5	164.0	161.9	162.4	249.6	157.2	161.7

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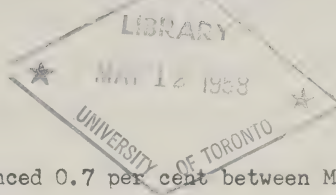
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

APRIL 1958



THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.7 per cent between March and April, from 124.3 to a new high of 125.2. Increases

accounting for most of this change were concentrated in three areas. A further sharp rise in fresh fruit and vegetable prices, following a continuation of poor crop conditions in the United States, accounted for over half the increase in the total index, with the remainder largely attributable to higher prices for beef, and health care items.

The Food index rose 1.7 per cent from 121.3 to 123.4 with fresh fruit and vegetables, particularly potatoes and oranges, contributing most of the upward movement. Beef price increases averaged over two cents per pound, and higher prices were also recorded for fresh pork, eggs and bread. Price declines were registered for sugar, bananas, coffee and ham.

An increase in the home-ownership series advanced the Shelter index 0.4 per cent from 137.1 to 137.6. The rent component remained unchanged. A 0.3 per cent increase in the Clothing index from 109.5 to 109.8 reflected further pricing of spring lines, which were not completely available in March. Prices for men's suits and topcoats, men's business shirts and women's spring coats were higher. The Household Operation index rose 0.2 per cent from 121.1 to 121.3 as somewhat higher average prices were reported for furniture and appliances, particularly vacuum cleaners, as well as floor coverings. The only item in this group to record a significant decline was gas ranges. Higher fees for doctors, dentists, prepaid health care, and optical care moved the Other Commodities and Services index from 129.6 to 130.1.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
April 1958	125.2	123.4	137.6	109.8	121.3	130.1
March 1958	124.3	121.3	137.1	109.5	121.1	129.6
April 1957	120.9	116.7	134.0	108.5	119.4	125.1

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials declined 1.1 per cent, from 231.4 to 228.8, in the four-week period March 28th to April 25th. When compared with April 1957, the monthly series for April 1958 is down 6.9 per cent. Commodity declines in April included among others raw wool, lead, steel scrap, steers, white lead, rosin, linseed oil, and tin, while prices rose for raw cotton, oats and hogs. Strength in the Canadian dollar in terms of United States funds was again a negative factor for commodities entering international trade.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets declined fractionally from 223.0 to 222.2 in the period under review with most of the decline occurring in the second half of the month. A drop of 3.6 per cent in the Field Products index from 169.3 to 163.2 was due to a sharp reduction in potato prices which, together with moderate declines for Western flax and hay, served to overbalance gains for Eastern grains and hay and Western rye. Animal Product prices advanced 1.6 per cent from 276.8 to 281.2 reflecting higher quotations for steers and calves on both Eastern and Western markets, lambs and hogs in the East, and eggs and fluid milk in the West. Partially offsetting these increases were declines for raw wool, Eastern eggs and poultry and Western hogs. The Eastern index declined 1.8 per cent from 246.6 to 242.2 while the Western series rose 1.4 per cent from 199.5 to 202.2.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	March 28th	April 3rd	April 11th	April 18th	April 25th	April 1957	March 1958	April ^(P) 1958
Industrial Materials.....	231.4	229.9	229.1	229.3	228.8	246.2	230.7	229.3
Canadian Farm Products	223.0	223.0	224.6	223.0	222.2	210.4	220.6	223.2
Field	169.3	168.3	168.9	165.9	163.2	165.8	168.3	166.6
Animal.....	276.8	277.8	280.2	280.1	281.2	255.1	272.9	279.8

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

(1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' weekly index of 95 common stock prices, following a decline in the first two weeks of April from 220.9 to 216.9, rose slightly in the latter half of the month to 219.0, for a net decline of 0.9 per cent between March 27th and April 24th. In a series of similar fluctuations, the index for 75 Industrials moved down 1.4 per cent from 228.0 to 224.7 in the same interval. The index for 13 Utilities eased 0.4 per cent from 182.4 to 181.6, while on the other hand 7 Banks advanced 4.3 per cent from 238.0 to 248.3. Sub-group changes showed declines for seven series ranging from 5.9 per cent for Machinery and Equipment to 0.1 for Textiles and Clothing. Telephones registered no change, while moderate increases for four groups were led by a 3.0 per cent gain for Milling.

The composite index of 27 Mining stocks edged lower from 97.0 to 96.6 in this period reflecting a drop of 4.6 per cent for 6 Base Metals from 162.4 to 155.0, which outweighed a 3.9 per cent rise for 21 Golds from 68.4 to 71.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	March 27th	April 3rd	April 10th	April 17th	April 24th	April 1957	March 1958	April 1958
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	220.9	218.9	216.9	217.9	219.0	278.8	221.5	218.2
75 Industrials.....	228.0	224.7	222.5	224.1	224.7	294.2	228.7	224.0
13 Utilities.....	182.4	184.1	182.3	179.7	181.6	212.5	183.1	181.9
7 Banks	238.0	241.0	240.8	243.8	248.3	277.5	237.7	243.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	97.0	95.6	94.8	93.7	96.6	128.0	96.4	95.2
21 Golds	68.4	69.0	68.2	67.9	71.1	72.4	67.8	69.0
6 Base Metals.....	162.4	156.4	155.6	152.8	155.0	255.4	161.7	155.0

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

MAY 1958

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined a slight 0.1 per cent from 125.2 to 125.1 between April and May 1958, to halt the succession of increases which occurred in the first four months of this year. The Index stands 3.3 per cent above the May 1957 level of 121.1. In the month under review, an easing in the Food index, combined with a lower Household Operation component, proved more important than increases in the Shelter, Clothing and Other Commodities and Services indexes.

The Food index registered a decrease of 0.6 per cent from 123.4 to 122.7, as lower prices for eggs and potatoes combined with smaller decreases for some imported fresh vegetables, oranges, coffee, processed cheese and evaporated milk. Sugar prices continued to drift lower and now stand 2 cents per pound below the peak of a year ago. Beef and pork prices continued to advance, particularly beef, with all cuts up more than 2 cents per pound, and sirloin steak touching 95 cents. In contrast to lower prices for oranges, grapefruit prices rose almost 10 per cent.

The decline in the Household Operation index from 121.3 to 120.7 resulted largely from price declines in both domestic coal and fuel oil. Price increases, all of moderate proportions, were scattered across a wide range of items including dishes, ice, lawnmowers and insurance on household effects.

The Shelter index increased from 137.6 to 137.9, with an increase in the home-ownership component again more significant than one in rents. The former reflected in addition to advances in repairs and replacement, higher fire insurance rates on dwellings. A rise in the Clothing index, from 109.8 to 110.0, resulted mainly from increases in women's rayon and cotton street dresses and women's suits. Boy's T-shirts and sport shirts and men's windbreakers were up from the previous month's level. Shoe prices were unchanged. A sharp increase of almost 12 per cent in automobile insurance rates, together with higher prices for theatre admissions, local transportation fares, men's and women's hairdressing, moved the Other Commodities and Services index from 130.1 to 130.6. New passenger car prices remained almost unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
May 1958	125.1	122.7	137.9	110.0	120.7	130.6
April 1958	125.2	123.4	137.6	109.8	121.3	130.1
May 1957	121.1	116.7	134.2	108.5	119.2	126.3

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 basic industrial raw materials edged lower in the four-week period April 25th to May 23rd, from 228.6 to 228.0, a level 2.2 per cent under December 27th when the index stood at 233.2. Compared to a year ago, the index has fallen 5.9 per cent. Commodity declines in May were led by beef hides, cottonseed oil, raw rubber and raw cotton. Increases were noted for hogs, raw wool, linseed oil and tin.

Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets rose 1.2 per cent from 222.2 to 224.8 in the four-week period under review, reflecting offsetting movements for the two major groups. In Animal Products the increase of 4.1 per cent from 281.1 to 292.5 was due primarily to increases in livestock, particularly hogs which showed a significant advance. The Field Products index decline of 3.8 per cent from 163.2 to 157.0 reflected chiefly the sharp drop in potato prices on Eastern markets. Regional indexes both moved higher: the Western series rose 2.3 per cent from 202.2 to 206.8 while the Eastern index edged up fractionally from 242.1 to 242.7.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	April 25th	May 2nd	May 9th	May 16th	May 23rd	May 1957	April 1958	May 1958 (P)
Industrial Materials.....	228.6 ^R	227.4	227.5	227.5	228.0	242.2	227.9	227.6
Canadian Farm Products	222.2	221.2	223.8	225.4	224.8	209.4	222.7	223.8
Field	163.2	161.0	159.7	158.4	157.0	163.5	165.5	159.0
Animal.....	281.1 ^R	281.3	287.8	292.5	292.5	255.3	279.9	288.5

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

R - Revised.

- (1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' weekly index of 95 common stock prices between April 24th and May 29th advanced 5.3 per cent from 219.0 to 230.6, for the largest gain in any month since April of last year. The current index, however, stands 20.6 per cent under the level of 290.5 for May 30, 1957. Major group increases were: 75 Industrials 6.1 per cent from 224.7 to 238.3; 7 Banks 5.4 per cent from 248.3 to 261.7 and 13 Utilities 1.3 per cent from 181.6 to 184.0. Increases for sub-groups were led by 9.5 per cent for Oils, 8.1 per cent for Beverages and 6.2 per cent for Building Materials. Two sub-groups were slightly weaker, viz. Textiles and Clothing and Telephones.

The composite index of 27 Mining stocks showed a similar gain in the period under review, rising 5.8 per cent from 96.6 to 102.2. Both groups shared the advance as 6 Base Metals rose 6.8 per cent from 155.0 to 165.6 and 21 Golds moved up 4.8 per cent from 71.1 to 74.5.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended						Monthly Average		
	April 24th	May 1st	May 8th	May 15th	May 22nd	May 29th	May 1957	April 1958	May 1958
Investors' Price Index									
95 Common Stocks	219.0	221.0	229.9	227.3	230.4	230.6	287.6	218.2	227.8
75 Industrials.....	224.7	227.2	237.9	234.5	238.1	238.3	304.8	224.0	235.2
13 Utilities.....	181.6	181.4	183.0	182.1	184.3	184.0	216.1	181.9	183.0
7 Banks	248.3	250.2	258.3	260.2	260.3	261.7	279.0	243.5	258.1
Mining Stock Price Index									
27 Stocks.....	96.6	96.9	97.6	98.4	101.6	102.2	124.2	95.2	99.3
21 Golds	71.1	70.7	70.3	71.8	75.4	74.5	76.2	69.0	72.5
6 Base Metals	155.0	156.9	160.0	159.4	161.7	165.6	234.2	155.0	160.7

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged at 125.1 between May and June, as food prices were steady on average, and small offsetting movements occurred between the other groups. The food component remained at 122.7, as a cut of 11 cents per pound for fresh tomatoes, and lower prices for potatoes and oranges, were balanced by higher prices for meats, particularly pork, and also eggs, apples and grape-fruit. Most of the advance in the shelter series from 137.9 to 138.3 was attributable to an increase in rents which frequently occurs in the traditional moving month of May. The rent component advanced 0.4 per cent. The Clothing index declined 0.3 per cent from 110.0 to 109.7 as sale prices were reported for spring coats and men's suits and slacks. Household operation remained practically unchanged moving from 120.7 to 120.6 as small scattered decreases proved fractionally more important than increases. A movement of 0.1 points in Other Commodities and Services from 130.6 to 130.7 followed slight increases in drug and personal care items.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
June 1958	125.1	122.7	138.3	109.7	120.6	130.7
May 1958	125.1	122.7	137.9	110.0	120.7	130.6
June 1957	121.6	117.7	134.8	108.4	119.1	126.5

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)

(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 basic industrial materials stood at 226.8 for the week ending June 20th, down 1.0 per cent from 229.0 for the week ending May 30th, and 5.5 per cent below 240.0 for the same week one year ago. Declines were led by hogs, wool, steers and lead. The strength of the Canadian dollar in U.S. funds was a depressant for commodities affected by this factor. Four commodities showing minor gains were hides, sisal, oats and tin.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets declined 2.5 per cent in the three-week period May 30th to June 20th, from 224.2 to 218.7. Chiefly responsible for the decline was a loss in Animal Products, as the index declined 3.5 per cent from 291.9 to 281.8. Livestock was generally lower, with hogs off 7-10 per cent as marketings were heavier than usual for this time of year. The modest decline in Field Products from 156.5 to 155.5 reflected further potato price declines which were largely offset by gains for Eastern grains, and Western hay, flax and rye. Both regional indexes moved lower, the Eastern series falling 2.9 per cent from 242.1 to 235.1 and the Western 1.9 per cent from 206.3 to 202.3.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 30th	June 6th	June 13th	June 20th	June 27th	June 1957	May 1958	June 1958 (P)
Industrial Materials.....	229.0	227.9	227.7	226.8	NOT AVAILABLE	240.6	226.7	227.5
Canadian Farm Products	224.2	223.1	222.3	218.7		214.0	223.1	221.4
Field	156.5	156.1	155.7	155.5		165.9	157.8	155.8
Animal.....	291.9	290.2	288.9	281.8		262.2	288.3	287.0

P - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

- (1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stock prices showed moderate strength for the second consecutive month, rising 2.5 per cent from 230.6 to 236.3 between May 29th and June 26th, partially recouping the sharp losses of late 1957. The high to date for 1958 of 240.2 in the week of June 12th, was 17.4 per cent below the 1957 high of 290.8, also reached in the week of June 13th. Major group increases were: 75 Industrials 2.6 per cent from 238.3 to 244.4; 7 Banks 2.4 per cent from 261.7 to 268.0 and 13 Utilities 1.8 per cent from 184.0 to 187.3. Gains for sub-groups were led by Milling, Oils, and Industrial Mines, while slight weakness was shown by Machinery and Equipment and Textiles and Clothing.

The composite index of 27 Mining issues gained 3.4 per cent in the first three weeks of June, only to ease off in the last week, for a small net gain over the four weeks, from 102.2 to 102.7. Evidencing a similar movement, 6 Base Metals rose 2.5 per cent from 165.6 to 169.8. For 21 Gold stocks the index declined 1.5 per cent from 74.5 to 73.4.

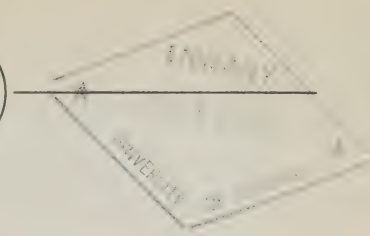
Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 29th	June 5th	June 12th	June 19th	June 26th	June 1957	May 1958	June 1958
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	230.6	236.0	240.2	238.5	236.3	286.9	227.8	237.8
75 Industrials	238.3	244.8	249.6	246.8	244.4	303.5	235.2	246.4
13 Utilities	184.0	186.5	188.6	188.1	187.3	216.8	183.0	187.6
7 Banks	261.7	261.9	264.8	271.9	268.0	281.8	258.1	266.6
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	102.2	102.1	105.8	105.7	102.7	125.4	99.3	104.1
21 Golds	74.5	73.4	74.7	73.9	73.4	80.6	72.5	73.8
6 Base Metals	165.6	167.9	177.1	178.4	169.8	227.7	160.7	173.3

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.3 per cent from 125.1 to 124.7 between June and July 1958. Most of this decrease resulted from a drop of 1.1 per cent in the Food index, with the other four group indexes recording little or no movement; Other Commodities and Services were down slightly, Household Operation unchanged, while both Shelter and Clothing rose fractionally.

In foods the index moved from 122.7 to 121.4 as sizeable seasonal price decreases occurred for a number of fresh vegetables, and a break in beef prices, which had been steadily rising, left some cuts 2 cents below June levels. Pork prices eased slightly as did those for sugar, coffee and fats. Egg prices rose 7 cents per dozen, while apple and grapefruit prices rose more moderately. The decline in Other Commodities and Services from 130.7 to 130.4, reflected almost entirely a drop in the price of passenger cars, as well as lower gasoline prices in a number of cities, particularly Winnipeg. Newspaper prices rose in a number of cities.

Further minor advances in both the rent and home-ownership components moved the Shelter index from 138.3 to 138.4. The Clothing index recorded a small advance from 109.7 to 109.9 as a result of price changes in men's suits and topcoats. Both women's and children's wear declined slightly and footwear was unchanged. The absence of movement in the Household Operation index, unchanged at 120.6, reflected the offsetting effects of declines in both coal and fuel oil prices, higher domestic gas and electricity rates, mixed but minor price changes in furniture items and somewhat higher prices for new season's appliance models and floor coverings.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
July 1958	124.7	121.4	138.4	109.9	120.6	130.4
June 1958	125.1	122.7	138.3	109.7	120.6	130.7
July 1957	121.9	118.2	135.1	108.4	119.6	126.5

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 basic industrial materials rose 1.2 per cent from 228.1 to 230.8 between the weeks ending June 27th and July 25th. Increases were led by oats, raw rubber, rosin, linseed oil and beef hides. Raw wool and raw cotton registered declines.

The industrial material index is an unweighted geometric average in which price changes of 30 items are given equal importance. This differs from the General Wholesale series in which commodity weights attached to price changes refer to the relative value of sales of the commodity in the base period. In addition, the two series differ as to coverage, the General Wholesale Index including some 500 items.

Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets advanced moderately in the period under review, from 218.0 to 219.5. In Field Products an increase of 1.7 per cent from 156.6 to 159.2 reflected a sharp increase in Eastern potatoes followed by smaller gains for Western hay and flax, Eastern peas and barley. In the West potatoes lost sharply and rye showed a small decrease. Eastern wheat and hay were also lower. Animal Products presented a mixed picture resulting in a slight net gain from 279.4 to 279.8. Slight increases for hogs, Western calves, eggs and steers, and Eastern milk and cheesemilk overbalanced similar declines registered by lambs, wool, Eastern calves, eggs and poultry. Regional index increases were from 235.2 to 237.1 in the East and from 200.7 to 201.9 in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 27th	July 4th	July 11th	July 18th	July 25th	July 1957	June 1958	July (P) 1958
Industrial Materials.....	228.1	228.7	229.2	230.8	230.8	239.8	227.2	229.9
Canadian Farm Products	218.0	219.7	219.8	219.0	219.5	218.3	221.1	219.5
Field	156.6	160.8	159.3	158.7	159.2	166.5	155.9	159.5
Animal.....	279.4	278.5	280.2	279.2	279.8	270.2	286.4	279.4

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

- (1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stock prices showed continued

strength in July. The increase of 3.9 per cent between June 26th

and July 24th, from 236.3 to 245.4, brought the index to a level 15.4 per cent above 212.6

in the first week of this year. Increases for major groups were: 75 Industrials 4.5 per

cent from 244.4 to 255.5; 7 Banks 2.7 per cent from 268.0 to 275.3; and 13 Utilities

0.9 per cent from 187.3 to 188.9. Sub-group gains were led by Machinery and Equipment

(6.6 per cent), Food and Allied Products (5.2), Oils (4.9) and Pulp and Paper (4.6).

Milling showed no change while Textiles and Clothing and Telephones registered slight

declines.

The composite index of 27 Mining issues moved fractionally higher

over the period under review, from 102.7 to 103.5. A gain of 3.7 per cent for 6 Base

Metals, from 169.8 to 176.0 was partially offset by a 2.0 per cent loss in 21 Golds from

73.4 to 71.9.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 26th	July 3rd	July 10th	July 17th	July 24th	July 1957	June 1958	July (P) 1958
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	236.3	241.1	238.4	244.2	245.4	284.7	237.8	242.3
75 Industrials	244.4	249.3	246.4	254.3	255.5	301.6	246.4	251.4
13 Utilities	187.3	191.1	188.7	187.5	188.9	213.8	187.6	189.0
7 Banks	268.0	274.8	273.8	274.4	275.3	277.8	266.6	274.6
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	102.7	102.2	102.9	102.1	103.5	122.8	104.1	102.7
21 Golds	73.4	72.9	72.6	70.3	71.9	79.3	73.8	71.9
6 Base Metals	169.8	169.4	172.2	175.0	176.0	222.2	173.3	173.2

P - Preliminary, average of four weeks.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

AUGUST 1958

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.4 per cent from 124.7 to 125.2 between July and August 1958. This was largely due to a one per cent increase in the Food index from 121.4 to 122.6, which approximated the usual July-August seasonal increase. The Shelter and Other Commodities and Services indexes also contributed to the overall increase, while Clothing and Household Operation eased slightly. Fresh tomato prices which normally drop quite sharply between the first weeks of July and August, were unusually strong and increased in the period under review, although most other fresh vegetables experienced seasonal declines. Apple prices reflected initial marketings of the new crop, while imported bananas and oranges were up. Beef prices continued to moderate slightly, and pork prices edged up. Eggs eased 4 cents a dozen.

The Shelter index rose from 138.4 to 139.1 reflecting increases in rents, mortgage interest rates and property taxes. A fractional increase in the Other Commodities and Services index from 130.4 to 130.6 resulted from small price increases in a variety of commodities; pharmaceuticals, personal care items, gasoline, taxi fares and film. The Clothing index declined from 109.9 to 109.6 as the result of summer sales, particularly in women's and children's wear. A fractional drop in the Household Operation index from 120.6 to 120.5 reflected sale prices for furniture, floor coverings and some textiles, which were partially offset by slight increases in household supplies and coal.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
August 1958	125.2	122.6	139.1	109.6	120.5	130.6
July 1958	124.7	121.4	138.4	109.9	120.6	130.4
August 1957	122.6	120.2	135.3	108.2	119.7	126.9

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 basic industrial raw materials edged gradually lower over the four-week period July 25th to August 22nd, from 230.5 to 228.5. In the four-week comparison twelve items were lower, led by linseed oil, hogs, steers and cottonseed oil. Gains for six items were headed by sisal, beef hides and copper, while twelve commodities were unchanged. For items entering international trade, prices were slightly firmer due to the somewhat weaker position of the Canadian vis-a-vis the United States dollar.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets were lower in the four weeks under review as both major groups declined, and the total index moved down 3.4 per cent from 219.5 to 212.0. In Animal Products, a 4.3 per cent drop from 279.9 to 267.8 reflected price decreases for most livestock items, wool and poultry, offset partially by increases for calves, eggs, and Western butterfat and fluid milk. Field Products declined 1.9 per cent from 159.2 to 156.2, as price losses were registered by potatoes, particularly on Western markets, Western flax and rye, and Eastern oats, peas and barley. Eastern corn was up slightly. The regional breakdown showed indexes both lower as the Eastern series fell 3.7 per cent from 237.2 to 228.4 and the Western 3.2 per cent from 201.9 to 195.5.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 25th	Aug. 1st	Aug. 8th	Aug. 15th	Aug. 22nd	Aug. 1957	July 1958	Aug. (P) 1958
Industrial Materials.....	230.5	229.9	229.4	229.3	228.5	238.6	229.4	229.3
Canadian Farm Products	219.5	219.5	217.3	215.9	212.0	212.6	219.4	216.2
Field	159.2	158.6	157.5	156.5	156.2	153.8	159.4	157.2
Animal.....	279.9	280.3	277.2	275.3	267.8	271.3	279.3	275.2

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

- (1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks registered a slight net gain in August, rising from 250.1 to 252.2 between July 31st and

August 28th. This further recovery brings the index level for August to 251.6, 2.9 per cent below the same month of a year ago. Among major group increases, 13 Utilities rose 2.9 per cent from 191.2 to 196.8, while fractional gains lifted the index for 7 Banks from 278.5 to 280.7 and that for 75 Industrials from 260.9 to 262.1. Eight sub-groups were higher, headed by Power and Traction, Pulp and Paper, and Milling, while four groups declined slightly: Oils, Transportation, Food and Allied Products, and Industrial Mines.

The composite index of 27 Mining issues edged up from 105.5 to 105.8, reflecting an increase of 2.2 per cent for 21 Golds, from 72.6 to 74.2, which was offset by a loss of 1.4 per cent for 6 Base Metals from 180.8 to 178.2.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 31st	Aug. 7th	Aug. 14th	Aug. 21st	Aug. 28th	Aug. 1957	July 1958	Aug. 1958
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	250.1	251.3	252.4	250.3	252.2	259.0	243.8	251.6
75 Industrials.....	260.9	262.1	263.1	260.0	262.1	272.4	253.3	261.8
13 Utilities.....	191.2	192.5	194.0	194.1	196.8	200.6	189.5	194.4
7 Banks.....	278.5	278.3	279.7	282.9	280.7	260.2	275.4	280.4
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	105.5	106.9	106.1	105.9	105.8	109.5	103.2	106.2
21 Golds	72.6	75.0	73.8	74.1	74.2	73.2	72.1	74.3
6 Base Metals.....	180.8	180.0	180.2	178.8	178.2	192.6	174.7	179.3

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 1958

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.3 per cent between August and September moving from 125.2 to 125.6. A 0.7 per cent advance in the Other Commodities and Services group accounted for half of the increase in the total index, and upward movements of 0.2 per cent registered by Food, Shelter and Household Operation groups contributed the remainder. The Clothing index was down fractionally.

Largely as a result of increases in street car and bus fares, the Other Commodities and Services index moved from 130.6 to 131.5. A 2 per cent rise in hospital rates resulted from increases in cities of Ontario and Quebec and somewhat higher prices were reported for gasoline, automobile repairs and magazine subscription rates. Some further price decreases took place on 1958 models of new passenger cars, and battery prices were also lower.

The Food index increased slightly from 122.6 to 122.9. A substantial increase occurred in egg prices, and lesser increases for bread, citrus fruits, canned juices and some canned fruits and vegetables. Apples and fresh vegetables, particularly tomatoes, experienced sharp seasonal declines. Beef prices eased slightly and pork prices were off quite sharply.

The Shelter index rose from 139.1 to 139.4 with home-ownership up more than the rent component. An increase in the Household Operation index, from 120.5 to 120.8, resulted from higher prices for a wide variety of items; soap flakes and detergents, telephone and laundry rates, shoe repairs, coal and utensils. Some items of furniture, floor coverings and textiles were up from August sale prices.

The Clothing index was down slightly from 109.6 to 109.5 almost entirely as a result of sale prices for such items as men's topcoats, women's spring coats, boy's sport and T-shirts. Most clothing items showed no price movement.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
September 1958	125.6	122.9	139.4	109.5	120.8	131.5
August 1958	125.2	122.6	139.1	109.6	120.5	130.6
September 1957	123.3	121.9	135.6	108.3	119.8	127.1

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 basic industrial raw materials moved up fractionally over the four weeks August 29th to September 26th, from 228.9 to 229.4. Offsetting price changes were for the most part moderate, a few small advances resulting from the further weakening of the Canadian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Steers showed a significant increase, followed by smaller advances for copper, raw cotton, raw rubber, rayon yarn, beef hides, iron ore and bleached sulphite pulp. On the downside were modest declines for sisal, tin, raw wool, hogs, linseed oil, oats, raw sugar and wheat. Underlying the small net decrease for tin, the week-to-week movement showed a sharp break in the third week when Russian tin offerings forced withdrawal of world market price support, followed by smart recovery in the final week as Russia shifted to the buying side.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets rose 1.2 per cent from 210.0 to 212.5 in the four weeks under review. Strength in Animal Products, for which the index advanced 2.3 per cent from 264.0 to 270.1, reflected higher prices for steers and calves, and on Western markets eggs, milk and lambs. Declines were registered by hogs and wool on both markets, and for poultry, lambs and eggs in the East. The Field Products index declined slightly from 156.0 to 154.8 as lower prices for Eastern rye and potatoes and Western flax and hay, were largely offset by advances for Western rye and potatoes and Eastern oats, corn, peas and barley. Regional indexes were both higher, the Eastern rising from 226.6 to 229.5 and the Western from 193.5 to 195.4.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 29th	Sept. 5th	Sept. 12th	Sept. 19th	Sept. 26th	Sept. 1957	Aug. 1958	Sept. (P) 1958
Industrial Materials.....	228.9	229.0	228.9	228.6	229.4	236.8	229.0	229.0
Canadian Farm Products	210.0	209.6	210.6	212.2	212.5	208.5	215.9	211.2
Field	156.0	155.7	154.9	155.4	154.8	153.2	156.5	155.2
Animal.....	264.0	263.6	266.2	269.0	270.1	263.8	275.2	267.2

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

- (1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks continued in September the gradual though firm upward trend apparent throughout the year.

Between August 28th and September 25th, it advanced 2.0 per cent from 252.2 to 257.3, the 1958 high to date, for a total increase of 18.7 per cent from 216.7 for January 16th. In 1957 the year's peak of 290.8 at June 13th was followed by a series of declines which had lowered the level 20.6 per cent by September 26th to 231.0. For the comparable period in 1958 the index has advanced 7.1 per cent from the June 12th figure of 240.2. In the last four-week period, major groups recorded gains of 3.5 per cent for 7 Banks, from 280.7 to 290.4; 75 Industrials 2.0 per cent from 262.1 to 267.3; and 13 Utilities 1.6 per cent from 196.8 to 199.9. Leading the sub-group advances were Textiles and Clothing, Transportation, and Machinery and Equipment. Small losses were registered by Telephone and Power and Traction sub-groups.

The index of 27 Mining issues edged up slightly in the four-week period, from 105.8 to 106.5 as a 3.3 per cent increase for 6 Base Metals from 178.2 to 184.1 overbalanced the 2.2 per cent decline for 21 Gold stocks from 74.2 to 72.6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 28th	Sept. 4th	Sept. 11th	Sept. 18th	Sept. 25th	Sept. 1957	Aug. 1958	Sept. (P) 1958
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	252.2	253.6	252.6	256.7	257.3	242.2	251.6	255.0
75 Industrials.....	262.1	263.4	262.1	266.8	267.3	252.8	261.8	264.9
13 Utilities.....	196.8	196.9	196.8	199.3	199.9	191.2	194.4	198.2
7 Banks	280.7	286.8	286.5	287.6	290.4	252.2	280.4	287.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	105.8	106.4	105.9	107.9	106.5	104.6	106.2	106.7
21 Golds	74.2	74.8	74.0	73.6	72.6	71.4	74.3	73.8
6 Base Metals	178.2	178.6	178.8	186.3	184.1	180.7	179.3	182.0

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

OCTOBER 1958

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.3 per cent, from 125.6 to 126.0, between September and October 1958. In October 1957, the index stood at 123.4. Currently upward movements occurred in all five group indexes; the Food, Clothing, and Household Operation indexes each rose 0.4 per cent while increases in Shelter and Other Commodities and Services amounted to 0.1 and 0.2 per cent respectively.

The Food index rose from 122.9 to 123.4. Beef prices, after easing since June, edged upwards. Prices were higher for most imported fruits and vegetables, particularly oranges, grapefruit, tomatoes, and lettuce. Pork prices continued downward, with lower prices also reported for eggs, coffee, and most domestically grown fruits and vegetables, notably apples and potatoes.

The Shelter index was up fractionally from 139.4 to 139.6 as the national index of rents was unchanged but the home-ownership component increased 0.3 per cent. The Clothing index increased from 109.5 to 109.9 largely reflecting higher prices on new seasons' women's and girls' winter coats, compared with prices in effect at the close of last season.

An increase in the Household Operation index from 120.8 to 121.3 resulted from a combination of higher prices for coal and electricity; furniture and appliance prices up from previous month's sale prices; and increases for household supplies and services including soaps, detergents, and some local telephone rates.

Generally higher fees for doctors, dentists, and optical care were mainly responsible for carrying the Other Commodities and Services index from 131.5 to 131.8. Somewhat higher prices were also recorded for gasoline, inter-urban bus fares, and local transportation, including taxi fares.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
October 1958	126.0	123.4	139.6	109.9	121.3	131.8
September 1958	125.6	122.9	139.4	109.5	120.8	131.5
October 1957	123.4	121.7	135.9	108.7	120.1	127.4

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 basic industrial raw materials moved fractionally higher in the four-week period September 26th to October 24th, from 229.4 to 229.8. In the comparable week of October 1957 the index stood at 232.9. In this 12-month comparison, the most significant item price changes were declines for steel scrap and raw wool, and an advance for steers. In the month currently reviewed, offsetting price changes occurred of which the most significant were increases for beef hides, domestic zinc, lead and copper, and raw rubber, and declines for raw wool, hogs, and fir timber.

The index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets edged down from 212.5 to 211.2 in the four weeks under review. Animal Products declined from 270.1 to 268.3 reflecting price decreases for hogs and wool, steers in the East, and calves, lambs and eggs on Western markets, partially balanced by higher prices for poultry, eggs and calves in the East and steers and milk in the West. For Field Products the index moved lower from 154.8 to 154.2 as declines for Western flax and rye and Eastern potatoes, corn and barley were largely offset by price rises for Eastern rye, wheat and peas, and Western potatoes. The regional breakdown shows the Eastern index declining from 229.5 to 226.5 and in the West a slight increase from 195.4 to 196.0.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Sept. 26th	Oct. 3rd	Oct. 10th	Oct. 17th	Oct. 24th	Oct. 1957	Sept. 1958	Oct. (P) 1958
Industrial Materials.....	229.4	229.9	230.1	228.7	229.8	232.5	228.3	229.6
Canadian Farm Products	212.5	212.5	211.7	210.9	211.2	200.7	211.1	211.6
Field	154.8	154.5	153.9	154.2	154.2	152.8	155.2	154.2
Animal.....	270.1	270.6	269.6	267.6	268.3	248.6	266.9	269.0

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

- (1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stock prices was again stronger in October, rising 1.6 per cent from 257.3 to 261.3 in the four-week period September 25th to October 23rd. Among major groups, 7 Banks gained 4.5 per cent from 290.4 to 303.5 and 75 Industrials 1.8 per cent from 267.3 to 272.2, while for 13 Utilities a decline of 2.0 per cent lowered the index from 199.9 to 195.9. Sub-groups presented a mixed picture. An abrupt rise occurred for Milling which was due to an advertised offer to buy shares of one of the two included issues at a price which was substantially above the market. More modest gains for five sub-groups were led by Pulp and Paper and Industrial Mines. Five groups showing slightly down in the four-week comparison were higher on average for the month (Oils, Transportation, Power and Traction, Textiles and Clothing, and Beverages) while Telephones were also lower.

The index of 27 Mining stocks rose strongly each week for a total gain of 9.9 per cent over the four weeks reviewed, from 106.5 to 117.0. Strength was chiefly concentrated on 6 Base Metals for which the index rose 15.6 per cent from 184.1 to 212.9. The index for 21 Golds advanced 3.4 per cent from 72.6 to 75.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Sept. 25th	Oct. 2nd	Oct. 9th	Oct. 16th	Oct. 23rd	Oct. 1957	Sept. 1958	Oct. (P) 1958
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	257.3	260.7	264.5	263.6	261.3	219.6	255.0	262.5
75 Industrials.....	267.3	270.8	275.3	275.3	272.2	228.0	264.9	273.4
13 Utilities.....	199.9	199.6	197.7	197.0	195.9	176.7	198.2	197.6
7 Banks	290.4	300.4	311.0	300.6	303.5	234.9	287.8	303.9
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	106.5	108.3	114.6	116.5	117.0	95.0	106.7	114.1
21 Golds	72.6	73.1	75.1	75.5	75.1	63.4	73.8	74.7
6 Base Metals	184.1	188.9	204.9	210.4	212.9	167.2	182.0	204.3

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

NOVEMBER 1958

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 per cent from 126.0 to 126.3 between the beginning of October and November 1958. A year ago

the index stood at 123.3. Although four of the five group indexes were higher in the current month, an increase of 1.0 per cent in Other Commodities and Services accounted for most of the change in the total index.

This latter group rose from 131.8 to 133.1, with most of this increase resulting from the initial pricing of 1959 passenger cars which showed a rise of approximately 5 per cent over introductory prices on 1958 models a year ago, and 12 per cent over October prices of 1958 models. A scatter of price increases occurred in other items in this group, namely, hospital rates, theatre admissions, pharmaceuticals, cigarette tobacco, haircuts, and personal care items.

The Food index declined from 123.4 to 123.2 as prices were lower for pork, chicken, grapefruit, apples, and some canned fruits. Higher prices were reported for beef, bananas, oranges, tomatoes, potatoes, and celery.

The Shelter index increased from 139.6 to 139.8 as both the rent and home-ownership components rose fractionally. The Clothing index moved from 109.9 to 110.4, mainly as a result of a number of prices moving up from previous month's sale prices. Some piece goods were higher. The Household Operation index rose from 121.3 to 121.5 as higher prices for coal, household utensils and equipment and some household supplies more than balanced sale price declines on furniture and floor coverings.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
November 1958	126.3	123.2	139.8	110.4	121.5	133.1
October 1958	126.0	123.4	139.6	109.9	121.3	131.8
November 1957	123.3	120.2	136.3	109.8	120.5	127.7

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 basic industrial raw materials stood at 234.7 for the week of November 21st compared to 230.6 at October 31st and 230.5 at November 22nd a year ago. In the three-week comparison increases were led by steel scrap and beef hides, domestic lead and zinc, and linseed oil, while a number of minor losses reflected in part a strengthening of the Canadian dollar in terms of U.S. funds.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets rose 0.9 per cent between October 31st and November 21st, from 211.3 to 213.1. The Animal Products index advance of 1.2 per cent from 267.7 to 270.8 reflected higher prices for steers and calves, fluid milk in the West, and cheesemilk in the East. Eggs were down, as were Western raw wool and lambs, and Eastern poultry. For Field Products the index moved up fractionally from 155.0 to 155.4 as price increases were registered by potatoes, Western rye and flax and Eastern oats. Eastern corn and peas were lower. Regional indexes rose in the West from 196.1 to 197.4 and in the East from 226.5 to 228.8.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 31st	Nov. 7th	Nov. 14th	Nov. 21st	Nov. 28th	Nov. 1957	Oct. 1958	Nov. (P) 1958
Industrial Materials.....	230.6	232.5	234.2	234.7	NOT AVAILABLE	228.9	228.2	233.8
Canadian Farm Products	211.3	211.9	213.0	213.1		199.7	211.8	212.7
Field	155.0	154.7	155.2	155.4		153.7	154.4	155.1
Animal.....	267.7	269.1	270.8	270.8		245.7	269.3	270.2

P - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

- (1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: Following gains in the first half of November, the Investors' (1935-1939 = 100)

Index of 95 common stock prices weakened slightly to close the month at 260.2 compared to 260.4 at October 30th. Among major groups, 75 Industrials evidenced a similar pattern showing a net loss from 270.5 to 269.0, while 7 Banks advanced 2.8 per cent from 309.3 to 317.9 and 13 Utilities edged up from 195.6 to 197.2. Sub-group movements were mixed, with minor losses occurring for Industrial Mines, Machinery and Equipment, Milling, Oils, and Power and Traction, and increases for Textile and Clothing, Transportation, Food and Allied Products, Pulp and Paper, Building Materials, Beverages, and Telephones.

The index of 27 Mining issues was slightly higher over the four weeks, rising from 115.4 to 115.9, as a 4.0 per cent increase for 21 Golds from 74.8 to 77.8 overbalanced the decline of 2.5 per cent for 6 Base Metals from 208.5 to 203.2.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 30th	Nov. 6th	Nov. 13th	Nov. 20th	Nov. 27th	Nov. 1957	Oct. 1958	Nov. 1958
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	260.4	262.5	263.3	261.9	260.2	218.6	262.1	262.0
75 Industrials.....	270.5	272.2	273.1	270.6	269.0	226.2	272.8	271.2
13 Utilities.....	195.6	198.8	197.4	197.4	197.2	176.2	197.2	197.7
7 Banks	309.3	312.7	317.5	323.7	317.9	240.5	305.0	318.0
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	115.4	117.0	118.5	119.2	115.9	93.4	114.4	117.6
21 Golds	74.8	75.3	77.6	80.8	77.8	61.2	74.7	77.9
6 Base Metals	208.5	212.4	212.2	207.2	203.2	167.0	205.1	208.8

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

DECEMBER 1958

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100) The Consumer Price Index declined 0.1 per cent from 126.3 to 126.2 between the beginning of November and December 1958, as the Food index decreased 0.8 per cent and each of the other four group indexes recorded some upward movement. The December index of 126.2, is 2.5 per cent above the level of a year ago.

The decline of 0.8 per cent in the Food index, from 123.2 to 122.2, occurred as sharply lower prices were reported for eggs, oranges, and grapefruit, and lesser price declines for pork, chicken, bananas, and canned fruits. Beef prices averaged three cents per pound higher and increases were also recorded for fresh vegetables, apples, and butter.

The Shelter index increased 0.1 per cent from 139.8 to 139.9, as both the rent and home-ownership components advanced slightly. The Clothing index also rose a fractional 0.1 per cent, from 110.4 to 110.5, as a scatter of minor price changes occurred, some of which involved prices up from previous month's sale prices.

The Household Operation index increased 0.4 per cent from 121.5 to 122.0, reflecting mainly the effect of recent increases in telephone rates in Eastern Canada. Prices were also higher for laundry, dry cleaning, and household supplies.

The Other Commodities and Services index rose 0.2 per cent from 133.1 to 133.4, largely as a result of higher street car and bus fares in West Coast cities.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
December 1958	126.2	122.2	139.9	110.5	122.0	133.4
November 1958	126.3	123.2	139.8	110.4	121.5	133.1
December 1957	123.1	118.8	136.7	109.9	120.6	128.4

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(1) WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 basic industrial raw materials edged down from 235.2 to 234.2 between November 28th and December 19th as price decreases, chiefly for beef hides, raw rubber, domestic copper, and raw cotton, overbalanced moderate increases for steers, raw sugar, oats, fir timber, bituminous coal, and tin. The current index is 0.4 per cent above 233.2 for January 3rd and 3.3 per cent over the low point of 226.8 for June 20th. Significant changes in commodity prices over the year to date were increases for steers (37.8 per cent) and domestic zinc (14.2), and decreases for raw wool (33.3), hogs (11.7), and cottonseed oil (9.3).

The index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets rose 1.7 per cent between November 28th and December 19th, from 214.4 to 218.0. In the same week of 1957, the index stood at 204.2. Animal Products rose 2.2 per cent, from 273.1 to 279.2 reflecting higher livestock prices. Eggs were lower. The Field Products index moved up 0.7 per cent from 155.7 to 156.8 reflecting chiefly higher prices for Eastern grains. Tobacco and potatoes were also moderately higher while Western rye, hay, and flax eased lower. Both regional indexes advanced, the Eastern rising 2.2 per cent from 230.7 to 235.8 and the Western 1.1 per cent from 198.1 to 200.2.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 28th	Dec. 5th	Dec. 12th	Dec. 19th	Dec. 26th	Dec. 1957	Nov. 1958	Dec. (P) 1958
Industrial Materials.....	235.2	234.6	234.5	234.2	NOT AVAILABLE	231.8	233.1	234.4
Canadian Farm Products	214.4	215.8	215.9	218.0		204.6	212.1	216.6
Field	155.7	156.4	156.1	156.8		155.4	155.2	156.4
Animal.....	273.1	275.1	275.8	279.2		253.7	269.1	276.7

P - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

- (1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stock prices eased lower in the four-week period November 27th to December 25th^{1/} from 260.2 to 258.7. The current level is 21.7 per cent above the January 2, 1958 index of 212.6, but 2.2 per cent under the 1958 high of 264.5 reached on October 9th, and 11.0 per cent below the all-time weekly peak index level of 290.8 at June 13, 1957. In the most recent four-week comparison, two major groups showed declines: 75 Industrials from 269.0 to 266.7 and 13 Utilities from 197.2 to 195.5; for 7 Banks the index rose 2.3 per cent from 317.9 to 325.2. Moderate declines were registered by nine sub-groups led by Transportation and Milling, while three sub-groups advanced: Food and Allied Products, Power and Traction, and Pulp and Paper.

The index of 27 Mining issues showed slight advance from 115.9 to 117.0 in the four weeks under review, reflecting a rise of 4.4 per cent for 21 Gold issues from 77.8 to 81.2 which overbalanced the 2.0 per cent loss in 6 Base Metals from 203.2 to 199.1. The composite index level at 117.0 compares with the 1957 high of 132.1 (January 3rd) and low of 87.0 (December 26th), and the current year high of 119.2 at November 20th.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1958 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 27th	Dec. 4th	Dec. 11th	Dec. 18th	Dec. ^{1/} 25th	Dec. 1957	Nov. 1958	Dec. 1958
Investors' Price Index								
95 Common Stocks	260.2	258.2	260.6	258.8	258.7	216.2	262.0	259.1
75 Industrials	269.0	265.7	268.6	266.2	266.7	224.0	271.2	266.8
13 Utilities	197.2	196.6	195.3	196.0	195.5	173.9	197.7	195.8
7 Banks	317.9	325.3	331.4	330.3	325.2	234.9	318.0	328.0
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	115.9	115.6	115.1	116.7	117.0	89.4	117.6	116.1
21 Golds	77.8	80.0	79.8	81.3	81.2	60.0	77.9	80.6
6 Base Metals	203.2	197.1	196.0	197.7	199.1	156.8	208.8	197.5

^{1/} December 24th closing quotations.

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PRICE MOVEMENTSJANUARY 1959 *to December, 1958*

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100) The Consumer Price Index edged downward 0.1 per cent moving from 126.2 to 126.1 between December 1958 and January 1959. The decline was largely due to January sale prices for clothing, combined with lower prices for 1958 model appliances. The Food and Shelter indexes recorded fractional increases, and the Other Commodities and Services component was unchanged.

The Clothing index decreased 1.2 per cent from 110.5 to 109.2, as traditional January sale prices were reported for a wide range of items, particularly women's fur and winter coats, men's suits and overcoats and girls' winter coats and snowsuits. The Household Operation index declined from 122.0 to 121.8 as price decreases averaging about 4 per cent occurred for 1958 models of major appliances. Gas rates were lower in a few centres and reduced cotton sheets also reflected January sales. Prices increased for household cleaning supplies, coal and fuel oil. Telephone rates were up in British Columbia.

The Food index remained almost unchanged at 122.3, up 0.1 per cent from 122.2. Substantially lower prices were reported for oranges and lettuce, with eggs, grapefruit, bananas, coffee, and lard also down. Beef continued its sharp climb, January prices averaging about 5 cents per pound over December levels. Most fresh vegetables were higher, particularly cabbage.

The Shelter index rose from 139.9 to 140.2 as rents were unchanged, but the home-ownership component moved up. The Other Commodities and Services index was unchanged at 133.4 as lower prices on 1959 model passenger cars balanced some local price increases for newspapers, taxi fares, and a scatter of other items.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
January 1959	126.1	122.3	140.2	109.2	121.8	133.4
December 1958	126.2	122.2	139.9	110.5	122.0	133.4
January 1958	123.4	119.4	136.6	108.8	120.8	129.1

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

The price index of 30 basic industrial raw materials moved up slightly from 233.7 to 234.9 in the four-week period December 26th to January 23rd. At January 24, 1958 the level was 232.6. Significant price changes included sharp increases for: beef hides, which have now risen 56.5 per cent since last June, and sisal, which recouped in the four weeks almost all losses since September last; sizeable declines occurred for raw wool, which is currently 51.8 per cent below September 1957, and raw sugar. Minor changes were: increases for linseed oil, raw rubber, raw cotton, oats, zinc, tin, wheat, iron ore, and bleached sulphite pulp (reflecting in part a somewhat weaker Canadian dollar); and declines for cottonseed oil, domestic lead, hogs and steers.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets declined slightly from 219.0 to 217.2 in the period under review. The index for the comparable week a year ago (January 24, 1958) was 210.6. Animal Products declined 1.2 per cent from 281.1 to 277.8 (263.0 a year ago) reflecting lower prices for calves in the West (7.3 per cent) eggs, raw wool, steers in the West (3.4 per cent), and hogs in the East (2.0 - 3.0 per cent); increases included lambs, poultry, and calves in the East. In Field Products the index was almost unchanged at 156.7 compared to 156.8 (158.2 a year ago). Slight losses for Eastern potatoes, peas, and corn were almost balanced by gains for Western rye and flax and Eastern wheat and tobacco. Both regional indexes moved lower, the Eastern from 235.2 to 233.9 and the Western from 202.8 to 200.6.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Dec. 26th	Jan. 2nd	Jan. 9th	Jan. 16th	Jan. 23rd	Jan. 1958	Dec. 1958	Jan. (P) 1959
Industrial Materials.....	233.7	233.8	234.6	235.2	234.9	231.8	233.9	234.6
Canadian Farm Products	219.0	219.2	218.7	217.3	217.2	208.5	217.6	218.1
Field	156.8	156.8	156.9	156.7	156.7	157.5	156.5	156.8
Animal.....	281.1	281.5	280.6	278.0	277.8	259.5	278.7	279.5

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

(1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors' Index of 93 common stock prices rose 3.4 per cent (1935-1939 = 100) in the five weeks December 25th^{1/} to January 29th, from 258.7 to 267.5. The index level is now 1.1 per cent above the 1958 weekly high of 264.5 (October 9th) and 8.0 per cent below the all-time peak of 290.8 (June 13, 1957). Increases for major groups were as follows: 73 Industrials, 4.0 per cent from 266.7 to 277.5; 13 Utilities, 1.4 per cent from 195.5 to 198.3; and 7 Banks 0.8 per cent from 325.2 to 327.9. For sub-groups, increases were led by Textiles and Clothing (7.5 per cent), Beverages (7.1), Industrial Mines (6.6) and Building Materials (6.2). Two groups, Milling and Power and Traction, were slightly lower.

The composite index of 27 Mining Stocks was also stronger in January rising 7.2 per cent from 117.0 to 125.4 in the period under review. For 6 Base Metals the index increased 9.6 per cent from 199.1 to 218.3, and 21 Golds with a gain of 4.4 rose from 81.2 to 84.8.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended						Monthly Average		
	Dec. 25th 1958	Jan. 1st	Jan. 8th	Jan. 15th	Jan. 22nd	Jan. 29th	Jan. 1958	Dec. 1958	Jan. 1959
Investors' Price Index									
93 Common Stocks	258.7	262.5	263.5	268.5	268.2	267.5	215.4	259.1	266.0
73 Industrials.....	266.7	271.3	272.1	278.4	277.8	277.5	222.2	266.8	275.4
13 Utilities.....	195.5	197.1	198.4	200.0	200.7	198.3	178.1	195.8	198.9
7 Banks	325.2	326.2	327.6	327.9	328.5	327.9	233.3	328.0	327.6
Mining Stock Price Index									
27 Stocks.....	117.0	122.2	122.8	123.6	124.7	125.4	91.5	116.1	123.7
21 Golds	81.2	86.8	85.0	85.2	86.0	84.8	64.0	80.6	85.6
6 Base Metals	199.1	203.4	209.5	211.6	213.2	218.3	154.6	197.5	211.2

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

FEBRUARY 1959

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100) The Consumer Price Index declined 0.3 per cent from 126.1 to 125.7 between the beginning of January and February 1959. This decrease resulted largely from a drop of almost one per cent in foods as the other four group indexes recorded little or no movement. The Shelter and Other Commodities and Services indexes were both unchanged, the Clothing index was down moderately while the Household Operation index edged up slightly.

The Food index moved from 122.3 to 121.2, as lower prices were reported for a variety of items including eggs, coffee, lard, citrus fruits, and some fresh vegetables. Beef prices were down slightly on average, to register the first break in the sharp climb which has occurred in recent months. Pork prices increased slightly.

The Shelter index was unchanged at 140.2 as both the rent and home-ownership components remained at January levels. The rent index, which has shown an increasing tendency to level off, was unchanged for the third successive month. The Other Commodities and Services index was also unchanged at 133.4 as slight price increases for pharmaceuticals, hospital rates, tobacco, and personal care items were balanced by a decline in prepaid health care. This latter movement took into account a measurement of price change resulting from the recently introduced federal-provincial hospital plans.

The Clothing index, as in January, reflected sale prices, particularly for a number of items of women's and children's wear, which carried the clothing component from 109.2 to 108.8. The Household Operation index increased from 121.8 to 122.0 as fractionally higher prices were recorded for fuel oil, coal, and household supplies; some furniture and textile prices were up from January sale levels.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
February 1959	125.7	121.2	140.2	108.8	122.0	133.4
January 1959	126.1	122.3	140.2	109.2	121.8	133.4
February 1958	123.7	119.9	136.9	108.8	120.8	129.5

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(1) WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100) The price index of 30 basic industrial raw materials advanced 1.0 per cent from 234.7 to 237.0 in the three weeks January 30th to February 20th. Significantly higher were beef hides, which have continued to rise since mid-1958, fir timber and rosin. More moderate changes included increases for tin, copper and wheat, and declines for lead, zinc and steers.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets eased 0.9 per cent from 217.0 to 215.1 in the period under review. The decline was shared by Field and Animal groups in both Eastern and Western Canada. Animal Products was off 1.2 per cent from 278.0 to 274.7 reflecting lower prices for lambs in the East and steers. Offsetting advances were recorded for Eastern eggs, calves and poultry and Western lambs and calves. Field Products declined fractionally from 156.1 to 155.5 as lower prices for hay and Eastern potatoes were partially offset by modest gains for Western flax and rye. Changes in regional indexes were declines of 1.0 per cent in the East from 233.3 to 231.0 and from 200.8 to 199.3 in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 30th	Feb. 6th	Feb. 13th	Feb. 20th		Feb. 1958	Jan. 1959	Feb. (P) 1959
Industrial Materials.....	234.7	235.6	235.7	237.0	NOT AVAILABLE	231.7	234.0	236.1
Canadian Farm Products	217.0	215.2	215.9	215.1		214.0	217.7	215.4
Field	156.1	155.8	155.6	155.5		159.6	156.6	155.6
Animal.....	278.0	274.6	276.2	274.7		268.4	278.7	275.2

P - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

(1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 93 common stock prices stood fractionally higher at 269.1 at February 26th compared to 267.5 for January

29th. Initial strength was followed by very minor fluctuations over the month. Among major groups, 7 Banks and 13 Utilities each rose 3.0 per cent, from 327.9 to 337.6 and from 198.3 to 204.2 respectively. For 73 Industrials, moderate opening strength, indicated by an increase from 277.5 to 279.9, was followed by continued easing to a close of 277.3. Sub-group changes included gains for Milling, Pulp and Paper and Telephones, and losses for Oils and Machinery and Equipment. Comparing monthly indexes (average of weeks), however, Industrials in February were 1.3 per cent above the January level.

The composite index of 27 Mining stocks similarly registered a small loss over the four-weeks (from 125.4 to 124.4) compared to a 1.0 per cent advance between months. Responsible for this pattern were 6 Base Metals which showed a 1.9 per cent decline, from 218.3 to 214.2, in the weekly comparison and a gain of 1.7 per cent between monthly indexes. The index for 21 Golds rose from 84.8 to 85.2 in the four-week period.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 29th	Feb. 5th	Feb. 12th	Feb. 19th	Feb. 26th	Feb. 1958	Jan. 1959	Feb. 1959
Investors' Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	267.5	270.1	270.5	270.0	269.1	218.3	266.0	269.9
73 Industrials	277.5	279.9	279.8	279.3	277.3	223.8	275.4	279.1
13 Utilities	198.3	200.4	201.4	202.1	204.2	182.5	198.9	202.0
7 Banks	327.9	334.0	337.0	334.6	337.6	245.2	327.6	335.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	125.4	125.4	124.5	125.4	124.4	95.3	123.7	124.9
21 Golds	84.8	85.5	85.4	86.6	85.2	68.3	85.6	85.7
6 Base Metals	218.3	216.8	214.1	214.3	214.2	157.2	211.2	214.8

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

MARCH 1959

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined a further 0.2 per cent from 125.7 to 125.5 between February and March 1959, to a point 0.6 per cent below the November 1958 peak of 126.3. The decline between November and March was largely attributable to a 2.6 per cent decrease in the Food index over the same period, most of which was seasonal in nature. Similar decreases have occurred in most recent years. The March 1959 index stands 1.0 per cent above the March index of a year ago. In the current period, a decline of 1.0 per cent in foods accounted for all the decrease in the total index. This latest movement in the Food index left it 1.1 per cent below the level of 121.3 of March 1958. Compared to a year ago, prices for fruits, vegetables, eggs, and pork are between 4 and 8 per cent lower, while beef prices are 14 per cent higher.

Between February and March the Food index declined from 121.2 to 120.0 as beef prices averaged about 2 cents per pound lower. Fractionally lower prices were also reported for pork, coffee, sugar, fats, and fresh tomatoes. Prices were very slightly higher for a number of items. The Shelter index increased fractionally from 140.2 to 140.3 as the rent component continued stable and the home-ownership component rose slightly.

The Clothing index rose from 108.8 to 109.4, with some of this increase reflecting prices up from January and February sale price levels. The Household Operation index moved from 122.0 to 122.3 with furniture prices also up from sale prices of previous months. Both fuel oil and coal prices were somewhat higher, and a number of items of household supplies and services, including soaps, detergents, and laundry rates also increased.

The Other Commodities and Services index, unchanged at 133.4 for the fourth successive month, reflected offsetting price changes in automobile operation; repairs, lubrication, and brake relining were higher, but somewhat lower prices were recorded for new passenger cars and batteries. Some local transportation and inter-city bus fares increased.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
March 1959	125.5	120.0	140.3	109.4	122.3	133.4
February 1959	125.7	121.2	140.2	108.8	122.0	133.4
March 1958	124.3	121.3	137.1	109.5	121.1	129.6

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 basic industrial raw materials advanced 1.0 per cent from 237.0 to 239.3 in the three weeks February 27th to March 20th. Further substantial gains were noted for fir timber and beef hides, with smaller increases for raw rubber, raw wool, linseed oil, and steers. Minor losses for a number of items were led by raw sugar.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets edged up from 212.6 to 213.1 in the three weeks under review. Animal Products moved from 269.8 to 270.8 reflecting modest price gains for lambs, steers, poultry in the East and raw wool in the West. Calves and Eastern cheesemilk were down slightly. The Field Products group, unchanged at 155.4, showed a scattering of minor increases in the West, while in the East a decrease for wheat was sufficient to offset price gains for other grains. Both regional total indexes showed small increases, rising from 229.0 to 229.5 in the East and 196.2 to 196.8 in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 27th	March 6th	March 13th	March 20th	March 27th	March 1958	Feb. 1959	March (P) 1959
Industrial Materials.....	237.0	237.3	237.8	239.3	NOT AVAILABLE	230.7	236.0	238.1
Canadian Farm Products	212.6	211.7	212.1	213.1		223.7	214.8	212.3
Field	155.4	155.3	155.4	155.4		174.5	155.6	155.4
Animal.....	269.8	268.2	268.8	270.8		272.9	274.0	269.3

P - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

- (1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced. For wheat an interim payment of 10 cents per bushel for the crop year August 1957-July 1958 was announced February 25, 1959. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 93 common stocks for March 26th stood at 268.0 compared to 269.1 at February 26th, representing a

three-week decline following a rise to 272.9 in the first week. This pattern was evident in the Industrials and Utilities groups whereas Banks continued to improve throughout March. Group index changes over the four-week period were: 73 Industrials, 277.3 to 275.3; 13 Utilities, 204.2 to 200.7 and for 7 Banks a gain of 3.9 per cent from 337.6 to 350.7. Sub-group losses were led by Milling (8.7 per cent) and Telephones (4.9) while gains for five sub-groups were headed by Textiles and Clothing (3.1).

The composite index of 27 Mining stocks moved 1.0 per cent higher in the period under review, from 124.4 to 125.6. A gain of 3.4 per cent for 21 Golds from 85.2 to 88.1 was partially offset by a 1.3 per cent loss for 6 Base Metals, from 214.2 to 211.5.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 26th	March 5th	March 12th	March 19th	March 26th	March 1958	Feb. 1959	March 1959
Investors' Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	269.1	272.9	270.5	269.3	268.0	221.5	269.9	270.2
73 Industrials.....	277.3	281.8	278.8	277.2	275.3	228.7	279.1	278.3
13 Utilities.....	204.2	205.2	202.4	201.9	200.7	183.1	202.0	202.6
7 Banks	337.6	340.5	345.4	347.0	350.7	237.7	335.8	345.9
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	124.4	125.9	128.0	126.9	125.6	96.4	124.9	126.6
21 Golds	85.2	84.4	85.8	86.0	88.1	67.8	85.7	86.1
6 Base Metals	214.2	220.9	224.6	220.5	211.5	161.7	214.8	219.4



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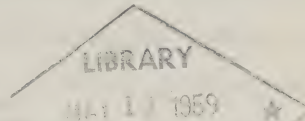
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

APRIL 1959

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index decreased a slight 0.1 per cent from 125.5 to 125.4 between March and April 1959 to stand at virtually the level of April 1958, 125.2. This decline was due entirely to a further drop in foods of 0.6 per cent. Each of the other four group indexes recorded increases of 0.2 per cent or less.

The decrease in the Food index from 120.0 to 119.3 was almost entirely attributable to lower prices for all types of meat and poultry, with beef prices down a further 2 cents a pound. Only a few slight increases were reported among food items including eggs, canned fruits, and apples.

The Shelter index rose from 140.3 to 140.5 as both the home-ownership and rent components advanced. The fractional increase of 0.1 per cent in the rent index occurred after four successive months in which it was unchanged.

The Clothing index moved from 109.4 to 109.6 largely as a result of some women's clothing items changing from sale price levels. Men's and children's wear were both unchanged as minor price changes on a number of items were offsetting. Increases in women's shoes and men's work boots moved the footwear index fractionally.

The Household Operation index increased from 122.3 to 122.6 reflecting mainly the effect of introductory prices on new 1959 appliance models compared with year-end prices on 1958 models. The appliance group index was somewhat below the level of a year ago. A scatter of price increases occurred in the utensils and equipment group on such items as glassware, brooms, and alarm clocks.

A rise of 0.2 per cent in Other Commodities and Services, from 133.4 to 133.7, reflected higher doctors' and dentists' fees and increases in pre-paid health care in a number of centres. Gasoline prices were lower in a number of cities.

Prices entering the April 1959 index were collected early in April and do not reflect tax changes resulting from the April 9th Budget.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
April 1959	125.4	119.3	140.5	109.6	122.6	133.7
March 1959	125.5	120.0	140.3	109.4	122.3	133.4
April 1958	125.2	123.4	137.6	109.8	121.3	130.1

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 basic industrial raw materials was once again slightly stronger in April rising from 238.8 to 242.7 between March 27th and April 24th. Raw wool prices reversed their downward trend to rise sharply in April; hides, rosin, sisal, and raw rubber continued their earlier strength, while several items showed minor gains. In a few cases price increases reflected the one per cent addition to the federal sales tax. Nine commodities declined headed by steel scrap. Earlier losses recorded by zinc and raw sugar were continued.

The index of Canadian farm products at terminal markets moved up fractionally in the four-week period under review, from 212.4 to 213.9, reflecting modest gains for both component groups. In Field Products higher Eastern potato prices and other scattered increases lifted the index from 155.5 to 156.7. The Animal Products index rose from 269.2 to 271.1 reflecting price increases for calves on both markets, lambs and steers in the East, and a strong recovery for raw wool. Moderate declines included eggs and Eastern poultry. Regional index increases were: Eastern from 227.6 to 230.1 and Western from 197.2 to 197.7.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average			P)
	March 27th	April 3rd	April 10th	April 17th	April 24th	April 1958	March 1959	April 1959	
Industrial Materials.....	238.8	239.1	240.2	242.3	242.7	227.9	237.7	241.1	
Canadian Farm Products	212.4	212.9	213.1	213.8	213.9	226.1	212.4	213.4	
Field	155.5	155.4	155.5	156.4	156.7	172.3	155.4	156.0	
Animal.....	269.2	270.3	270.7	271.1	271.1	279.9	269.5	270.8	

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

- (1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley. Final payments on barley and oats for the crop year August 1957-July 1958 were announced March 30, 1959. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices were slightly weaker during April. The

Investors' Index of 93 issues edged down from 268.0 to 265.9 as a decline of 1.4 per cent for 75 Industrials from 275.3 to 271.4 was partially offset by a 3.0 per cent increase for 7 Banks from 350.7 to 361.3, and a fractional gain for 13 Utilities from 200.7 to 200.9. Sub-groups showing lower were led by Oils (5.0 per cent), Industrial Mines (2.7) and Transportation (2.7). On the up side were seven sub-groups headed by Textiles and Clothing (5.7 per cent), Milling (3.2) and Machinery and Equipment (2.8).

The composite index of 27 Mining stocks dropped 5.2 per cent in the same period, from 125.6 to 119.1, reflecting weakness in both component groups. The index declines were 6.2 per cent for 6 Base Metals from 211.5 to 198.4 and 4.2 per cent for 21 Golds from 88.1 to 84.4.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

		1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average			(1)
		March 26th	April 2nd	April 9th	April 16th	April 23rd	April 1958	March 1959	April 1959	
Investors' Price Index										
93	Common Stocks	268.0	266.4	263.3	266.2	265.9	218.2	270.2	265.4	
73	Industrials.....	275.3	273.0	269.0	272.6	271.4	224.0	278.3	271.5	
13	Utilities.....	200.7	200.5	201.4	200.8	200.9	181.9	202.6	200.9	
7	Banks	350.7	353.1	350.1	354.4	361.3	243.5	345.9	354.7	
Mining Stock Price Index										
27	Stocks.....	125.6	123.1	120.4	120.8	119.1	95.2	126.6	120.8	
21	Gold's	88.1	86.5	85.5	85.7	84.4	69.0	86.1	85.5	
6	Base Metals	211.5	207.0	200.3	201.2	198.4	155.0	219.4	201.7	

(1) Preliminary, average of four weeks.

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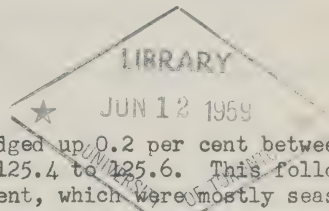
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index edged up 0.2 per cent between April and May moving from 125.4 to 125.6. This follows five months of fractional declines totalling 0.7 per cent, which were mostly seasonal, recorded between November 1958 and April 1959. The current index stands 0.4 per cent above the May 1958 index of 125.1. The latest movement was due to increases of 0.9 per cent in the Other Commodities and Services index and 0.4 per cent in the Shelter index, which were partially offset by a decrease of 0.7 per cent in the Food index. The Clothing index gained fractionally while the Household Operation index moved down slightly.

The Other Commodities and Services index rose from 133.7 to 134.9 as higher prices were reported for cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, liquor, men's haircuts, women's hairdressing, automobile tires, and theatre admissions. Some of these price changes reflected recent federal tax increases. Gasoline prices were down sharply as "price wars" occurred in a number of Ontario cities. The Shelter index increased from 140.5 to 141.0 with the rent component unchanged but home-ownership higher. The decrease in the Food index from 119.3 to 118.5 reflected further declines in beef and slightly lower prices for coffee, eggs, sugar, lard, and some pork cuts. Fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly potatoes, were higher.

The Clothing index increased 0.1 per cent from 109.6 to 109.7 as men's and women's footwear showed some price increases and other price changes were generally limited to items up from previous sale price levels. The Household Operation index was down a fractional 0.1 per cent from 122.6 to 122.5 as seasonal decreases in coal prices more than balanced some price increases in textiles, utensils and equipment and household supplies.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
May 1959	125.6	118.5	141.0	109.7	122.5	134.9
April 1959	125.4	119.3	140.5	109.6	122.6	133.7
May 1958	125.1	122.7	137.9	110.0	120.7	130.6

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 industrial raw materials declined fractionally between April 24th and May 22nd, from 242.7 to 242.1. Beef hide prices sharply reversed their recent strong upward trend and minor declines were reported for a number of items. Increases occurred for sisal, raw rubber, zinc and spruce lumber.

The index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 2.4 per cent from 213.9 to 219.1 in the four weeks under review. In Field Products the 7.3 per cent rise from 156.7 to 168.2 was almost entirely attributable to higher potato prices, particularly on Eastern markets. Eastern wheat was also higher while modest declines included other Eastern grains and tobacco. In Animal Products the index fell slightly from 271.1 to 269.9 reflecting lower prices for steers, eggs and Eastern butterfat and a seasonal decline for Western fluid milk, which more than offset increases for calves, Eastern lambs and poultry. Regional indexes were higher, the Eastern rising 4.3 per cent from 230.1 to 240.1 and the Western from 197.7 to 198.0.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	April 24th	May 1st	May 8th	May 15th	May 22nd	May 1958	April 1959	May (P) 1959
Industrial Materials.....	242.7	242.6	242.4	242.2	242.1	226.7	240.4	242.3
Canadian Farm Products	213.9	214.8	216.9	219.4	219.1	226.5	213.7	217.6
Field	156.7	158.3	162.6	167.6	168.2	164.6	156.4	164.2
Animal.....	271.1	271.3	271.3	271.1	269.9	288.3	271.0	270.9

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

- (1) All 1958 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 93 common stocks fluctuated narrowly in May as slight weakness in the opening week was followed by continued moderate strength. Over the four-week period April 30th to May 28th the index registered a fractional net gain, moving from 267.3 to 268.2. While the three major groups displayed different week-to-week movements, all advanced slightly over the period: 7 Banks rose 1.6 per cent from 366.8 to 372.7; 13 Utilities edged up from 202.8 to 203.5 and 73 Industrials moved from 272.3 to 272.8. Sub-group advances were headed by a gain of 9.9 per cent for Machinery and Equipment and 5.8 per cent for Milling. Seven sub-groups showed moderate losses, led by declines of 3.2 per cent for Power and Traction and Food and Allied Products and 3.1 per cent for Oils.

In the same period, the composite index of 27 Mining stocks showed a 1.0 per cent increase from 119.8 to 121.0 as a 4.0 per cent rise for 21 Golds, from 85.2 to 88.6, overbalanced a 1.9 per cent loss for 6 Base Metals from 198.9 to 195.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	April 30th	May 7th	May 14th	May 21st	May 28th	May 1958	April 1959	May 1959
Investors' Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	267.3	266.5	267.0	267.2	268.2	227.8	265.8	267.2
73 Industrials.....	272.3	270.5	271.0	271.8	272.8	235.2	271.7	271.5
13 Utilities.....	202.8	204.8	204.5	204.3	203.5	183.0	201.3	204.3
7 Banks	366.8	369.8	371.8	367.5	372.7	258.1	357.1	370.4
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	119.8	118.3	118.4	120.4	121.0	99.3	120.6	119.5
21 Golds	85.2	85.1	85.8	88.3	88.6	72.5	85.5	87.0
6 Base Metals	198.9	194.2	192.9	193.9	195.1	160.7	201.2	194.0



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

JUNE 1959

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 per cent from 125.6 to 125.9 between May and June 1959. Increases in the Food, Shelter, and Other Commodities and Services group indexes were partially offset by a lower Clothing index. The Household Operation index was unchanged.

An increase of 0.5 per cent in the Food index, from 118.5 to 119.1, resulted almost entirely from a sharp seasonal rise of 35 per cent in potato prices. Some other fresh vegetables and fruits were up moderately and pork advanced fractionally. Beef, coffee, and sugar prices continued to ease to somewhat lower levels.

A 0.4 per cent increase in the Shelter index, from 141.0 to 141.5, resulted from both higher rents associated with the traditional May first moving date, and an increase of 6.0 per cent in fire insurance rates.

The Other Commodities and Services index advanced 0.4 per cent from 134.9 to 135.4 as higher prices were reported for a wide range of pharmaceuticals. Price increases were also reported for personal care items, train fares and inter-urban bus fares. First of June gasoline prices returned to April levels following a break in gasoline prices in May brought on by "price wars".

A decrease of 0.5 per cent in the Clothing index, from 109.7 to 109.2, reflected sale prices on men's suits and topcoats, women's and girls' spring coats, and cotton piece goods.

The Household Operation index was unchanged at 122.5 with further seasonal price declines for coal balancing higher prices for some household supplies and services, particularly shoe repairs and insurance rates for household effects.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
June 1959	125.9	119.1	141.5	109.2	122.5	135.4
May 1959	125.6	118.5	141.0	109.7	122.5	134.9
June 1958	125.1	122.7	138.3	109.7	120.6	130.7

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of thirty industrial raw materials was almost unchanged in the three-week period May 29th to June 19th, moving from 242.9 to 242.7. For the comparable week of June in 1957 and 1958 the index stood at 240.0 and 226.8 respectively. The current easing reflects moderately lower prices for nine commodities, led by raw rubber and raw sugar, which were almost balanced by gains for six items, headed by raw cotton, beef hides and fir timber.

The index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets in the same period edged up from 219.9 to 221.0. In Field Products a gain of 3.2 per cent from 167.6 to 172.9 represented sharply higher potato prices and slight gains for hay and some Eastern grains which were partially offset by lower quotations for flax and Eastern peas and barley. In Animal Products, which declined 1.1 per cent from 272.1 to 269.1, lower prices were reported for steers, calves, poultry, Eastern eggs and Western wool. Spring lambs came on the market at advanced prices while hogs on Eastern markets and Western butterfat showed small increases.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 29th	June 5th	June 12th	June 19th	June 26th	June 1958	May 1959	June (P) 1959
Industrial Materials.....	242.9	242.7	242.6	242.7	Not Available	227.3	241.4	242.7
Canadian Farm Products	219.9	221.2	222.7	221.0		227.7	218.8	221.6
Field	167.6	171.8	175.3	172.9		169.1	166.5	173.3
Animal.....	272.1	270.6	270.2	269.1		286.4	271.0	270.0

P - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

- (1) All 1959 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 93 common stocks moved up

fractionally from 268.2 to 269.4 in the four-week period

May 28th to June 25th. Among major groups, 7 Banks advanced 1.1 per cent from 372.7 to 376.7, and 73 Industrials edged up from 272.8 to 275.2, while 13 Utilities declined 2.6 per cent from 203.5 to 198.3. Seven sub-groups within Industrials advanced, led by 12.6 for Machinery and Equipment and 10.5 for Milling, while Oils and Food and Allied Products declined 6.1 and 5.1 per cent respectively. Losses within Utilities were shared by all three sub-groups.

The index of 27 Mining issues moved 3.2 per cent lower from 121.0 to 117.1 in the period under review, reflecting declines of 3.8 per cent for 6 Base Metals from 195.1 to 187.6 and 2.6 per cent for 21 Gold stocks from 88.6 to 86.3.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 28th	June 4th	June 11th	June 18th	June 25th	June 1958	May 1959	June 1959
Investors' Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	268.2	269.5	270.2	268.9	269.4	237.8	267.2	269.5
73 Industrials.....	272.8	273.3	275.1	273.8	275.2	246.4	271.5	274.4
13 Utilities.....	203.5	204.4	202.9	200.7	198.3	187.6	204.3	201.6
7 Banks	372.7	382.5	378.0	378.6	376.7	266.6	370.4	379.0
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	121.0	120.0	121.2	119.3	117.1	104.1	119.5	119.4
21 Golds	88.6	87.4	87.7	86.7	86.3	73.8	87.0	87.0
6 Base Metals	195.1	194.5	197.8	193.8	187.6	173.3	194.0	193.4



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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index was unchanged at 125.9 between June and July 1959 and stood 1 per cent above the July 1958 level of 124.7. In the current period, a drop in the Other Commodities and Services index balanced increases in the Food, Shelter, Clothing, and Household Operation indexes.

Further sharp declines in gasoline prices combined with seasonally lower prices for new passenger cars resulted in a 0.4 per cent decrease in the Other Commodities and Services index, from 135.4 to 134.9. Higher prices for prepaid health care occurred in the Maritime Provinces.

The Food index was up 0.1 per cent from 119.1 to 119.2 as both increases and decreases, mostly fractional in nature, occurred on a wide range of items. Significant price changes were limited to potatoes and grapefruit. Beef and pork prices were quite steady.

Small increases in both the rent and home-ownership components moved the Shelter index up 0.1 per cent from 141.5 to 141.7. An increase of 0.5 per cent in the Clothing index, from 109.2 to 109.7, reflected prices up from previous sale price levels for a number of items, including men's suits and coats and children's shoes.

The Household Operation index rose 0.2 per cent from 122.5 to 122.7 as a result of minor price increases on a variety of items, including household utensils and equipment, supplies, household help, domestic gas, and electricity. Household appliances showed mixed results with gas stoves and electric refrigerators up and electric stoves, washing machines, and vacuum cleaners at lower price levels.



Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
July 1959	125.9	119.2	141.7	109.7	122.7	134.9
June 1959	125.9	119.1	141.5	109.2	122.5	135.4
July 1958	124.7	121.4	138.4	109.9	120.6	130.4

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 industrial raw materials moved fractionally down between June 26th and July 23rd, reflecting offsetting price changes for a number of commodities. The index of 241.0 for July 24th stands 4.6 per cent above 230.5 for the same week of 1958. Price declines in the period included raw wool, sisal, raw sugar, domestic electrolytic copper and fir timber. Items showing higher were led by raw rubber, cottonseed oil, steers and linseed oil.

In the same four weeks, the index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced less than one per cent. In Animal Products a 1.0 per cent rise reflected higher prices for steers; eggs, cheesemilk and raw wool in the East; and calves on Western markets. These were partially balanced by declines for lambs and hogs; calves and poultry in the East, and in the West for raw wool, eggs and fluid milk. In Field Products, increases registered for Western flax, rye and hay and Eastern potatoes were almost offset by lower prices for most Eastern grains and hay, and for Western potatoes. Regional indexes both advanced fractionally, the Eastern from 243.5 to 245.7 and the Western from 199.2 to 200.6.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 26th	July 3rd	July 10th	July 17th	July 24th	July 1958	June 1959	July (P) 1959
Industrial Materials.....	241.7	241.7	242.4	241.3	241.0	229.4	241.7	241.6
Canadian Farm Products	221.3	221.8	221.8	223.0	223.1	226.0	221.9	222.4
Field	172.3	172.2	172.1	172.6	173.1	172.6	173.1	172.5
Animal.....	270.3	271.5	271.4	273.4	273.1	279.3	270.6	272.4

P - Preliminary, average of weeks.

- (1) All 1959 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

An advance of 4.5 per cent between June 25th and July 23rd for the Investors' Index of 92 common stocks was the largest increase since May 1958. Gains were shared by the three major groups, with increases of 5.9 for 7 Banks, 4.5 for 72 Industrials, and 3.1 for 13 Utilities. Two sub-groups showed more than average strength: 14 Building Materials rose 9.8 per cent from 536.5 to 589.0, and 2 Industrial Mines moved up 7.1 per cent from 191.7 to 205.3. Only one sub-group, Food and Allied Products, moved against the trend with a decline of 1.8 per cent from 272.7 to 267.8.

The index of 27 Mining issues gained 3.1 per cent in the same four-week period, reflecting gains of 4.9 per cent for 6 Base Metals and 1.4 for 21 Golds.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 25th	July 2nd	July 9th	July 16th	July 23rd	July 1958	June 1959	July (P) 1959
Investors' Price Index								
92 Common Stocks	269.4	274.1	278.0	280.0	281.5	243.8	269.5	278.4
72 Industrials.....	275.2	280.9	284.9	287.3	287.6	253.3	274.4	285.2
13 Utilities.....	198.3	200.5	203.5	203.3	204.5	189.5	201.6	203.0
7 Banks	376.7	376.8	381.8	384.4	399.1	275.4	379.0	385.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	117.1	120.1	121.2	120.0	120.7	103.2	119.4	120.5
21 Golds	86.3	88.2	87.4	86.0	87.5	72.1	87.0	87.3
6 Base Metals	187.6	193.1	198.5	197.7	196.7	174.7	193.4	196.5

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

AUGUST 1959

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 per cent from 125.9 to 126.4 between July and August 1959 to stand a fractional 0.1 per cent above the previous peak of 126.3 in November 1958. A seasonal rise of 1.1 per cent in the Food index, combined with slight increases in the Shelter and Other Commodities and Services indexes, accounted for the current month's movement. The Clothing index was unchanged while the Household Operation index declined fractionally.

The Food index increased seasonally from 119.2 to 120.5. Higher prices were reported for eggs, oranges, lettuce, beef, and pork, while price decreases were recorded for most fresh vegetables, particularly potatoes and tomatoes.

The Shelter index increased 0.1 per cent from 141.7 to 141.9 with both the rent and home-ownership components contributing.

A rise of 0.3 per cent in the Other Commodities and Services index, from 134.9 to 135.3, reflected small price increases on a fairly wide range of items: gasoline, taxi fares, hospital rates, pharmaceuticals, alcoholic beverages, and personal care items.

The Clothing index was unchanged at 109.7 as mid-summer sale prices for women's wear, particularly cotton street dresses, were offset by price increases for shoes, some men's furnishings, and cotton piece goods. The Household Operation index declined 0.1 per cent from 122.7 to 122.6 as slightly lower prices resulting from August furniture and floor covering sales more than balanced somewhat higher prices for household utensils and equipment, household supplies and services, and coal.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
August 1959	126.4	120.5	141.9	109.7	122.6	135.3
July 1959	125.9	119.2	141.7	109.7	122.7	134.9
August 1958	125.2	122.6	139.1	109.6	120.5	130.6

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 industrial raw material prices edged up slightly to 243.9 in the four-week period

July 31st to August 28th. Indexes at comparable dates of recent years are:

August 29, 1958 - 228.9
August 30, 1957 - 238.8
August 31, 1956 - 249.7

In the current four-week comparison, raw wool, raw sugar, rosin and zinc led increases for 11 items. Sisal dropped back almost to its level of last March, and six commodities showed minor losses.

In the period under review, the index of Canadian primary farm products at terminal markets declined 2.1 per cent. In Field Products a drop of 5.7 per cent reflected sharply lower prices for potatoes, chiefly on Eastern markets. Western rye and hay and Eastern wheat, oats and hay were also lower, while higher prices were reported for Western flax and other Eastern grains. The Animal Products index remained almost unchanged reflecting offsetting price changes: gains were led by calves and raw wool in the West, while poultry and raw wool showed lower in the East. Regional index changes were as follows: Eastern from 247.7 to 237.8 (down 4.0 per cent) and Western almost unchanged, from 199.7 to 200.0.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 31st	Aug. 7th	Aug. 14th	Aug. 21st	Aug. 28th	Aug. 1958	July 1959	Aug. (P) 1959
Industrial Materials.....	242.2	243.5	242.7	243.5	243.9	229.1	240.3	243.4
Canadian Farm Products	223.7	223.1	223.6	221.4	218.9	215.9	222.7	221.8
Field	173.8	172.9	171.6	167.3	163.9	156.5	172.6	168.9
Animal.....	273.7	273.4	275.5	275.5	273.9	275.2	272.8	274.6

(P) - Preliminary, average of weeks.

- (1) All 1959 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: All gains made since June in the Investors' Index of 92 common (1935-1939 = 100)

stock prices were cancelled in the four-week period July 30th to August 27th. This index drop of 5.1 per cent represented the largest single decline since late 1957. The three major groups shared the losses with decreases as follows: 7 Banks, 7.3 per cent, 72 Industrials, 5.0 per cent and 13 Utilities, 4.0 per cent. All sub-groups were lower, with declines ranging from 0.6 to 7.1 per cent. Heading the list were Building Materials down 7.1 per cent from 590.5 to 548.5; Machinery and Equipment down 6.3 per cent from 826.8 to 774.8; and Transportation which fell 6.1 per cent from 341.0 to 320.1.

The index of 27 Mining stock issues in the same period moved down 2.9 per cent reflecting losses of 3.3 and 2.5 per cent respectively for 6 Base Metals and 21 Gold stocks.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 30th	Aug. 6th	Aug. 13th	Aug. 20th	Aug. 27th	Aug. 1958	July 1959	Aug. 1959
Investors' Price Index								
92 Common Stocks	282.9	283.1	278.2	268.6	268.4	251.6	279.3	274.6
72 Industrials.....	290.1	291.0	285.5	276.1	275.5	261.8	286.2	282.0
13 Utilities.....	203.4	203.7	203.0	197.2	195.3	194.4	203.0	199.8
7 Banks	395.4	388.8	380.3	358.9	366.7	280.4	387.5	373.7
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	121.1	122.2	121.6	117.7	117.6	106.2	120.6	119.8
21 Golds	87.2	87.5	87.2	84.7	85.0	74.3	87.3	86.1
6 Base Metals	198.7	201.6	200.5	193.4	192.2	179.3	196.9	196.9



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.6 per cent between August and September moving from 126.4 to 127.1. As was the case between July and August, most of the increase was due to a seasonal advance in the Food index. Of the 2.7 per cent rise in the food component over the last two months it is estimated that almost all of it was seasonal in nature, and of the 1 per cent increase in the Consumer Price Index over the two months, approximately 0.8 per cent was seasonal. Compared with September of a year ago, the fractionally higher position of the current index (1.2 per cent) was accounted for by non-food items which averaged 2 per cent above September 1958, while food prices were just below the level of a year ago.

The Food index rose from 120.5 to 122.4. Higher prices were reported for beef, eggs, coffee, lettuce, and celery. Tomatoes and potatoes registered declines.

The Shelter index was up 0.1 per cent from 141.9 to 142.0 with the rent component unchanged, but home-ownership higher as the result of property tax changes measured in this period.

A fractional increase of 0.1 per cent in the Clothing index, from 109.7 to 109.8, resulted largely from further price increases for footwear, with somewhat higher prices also recorded for piece goods, men's hats, and sweaters.

The Household Operation index moved from 122.6 to 123.1, an increase of 0.4 per cent. Fractionally higher prices were recorded for coal, some furniture items and household utensils and equipment.

A drop of 0.1 per cent in Other Commodities and Services reflected price decreases on 1959 passenger cars, together with somewhat lower prices for magazine subscriptions, gasoline, and batteries. These price declines more than balanced higher prices for automobile repairs and servicing, street car and bus fares and men's haircuts.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
September 1959	127.1	122.4	142.0	109.8	123.1	135.2
August 1959	126.4	120.5	141.9	109.7	122.6	135.3
September 1958	125.6	122.9	139.4	109.5	120.8	131.5

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 industrial raw material prices rose fractionally higher in the four-week period August

28th to September 25th reflecting a number of offsetting price changes. Increases were recorded for sisal, steers, raw sugar, domestic lead, and linseed oil, while declines occurred for beef hides, raw cotton, raw rubber, and tin. In addition, prices of those commodities which enter foreign trade were slightly lower as a result of the strength of the Canadian dollar.

In the same period the price index of Canadian farm products at terminal markets remained almost unchanged at 220.2 compared to 219.1, as an increase of 2.2 per cent for Animal Products slightly overbalanced a 2.3 per cent decrease for Field Products. For Animal Products on Eastern markets, sharply higher prices for eggs, and more modest gains for calves and steers, offset declines for poultry and lambs; on Western markets, eggs and calves advanced while lambs moved lower. In Field Products changes on Eastern markets included sharply lower potato prices followed by corn and rye, and an increase for peas; on Western markets, potato, hay, and rye price decreases were sufficient to offset a higher price for flax. Regional indexes were both higher: the Eastern rose from 238.1 to 239.3 and the Western from 200.0 to 201.1.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 28th	Sept. 4th	Sept. 11th	Sept. 18th	Sept. 25th	Sept. 1958	Aug. 1959	Sept. (P) 1959
Industrial Materials.....	243.9	244.6	245.4	244.6	244.3	228.3	242.6	244.7
Canadian Farm Products	219.1	218.5	219.1	220.2	220.2	211.1	221.9	219.5
Field	164.2	162.0	161.1	161.2	160.5	155.2	169.0	161.2
Animal.....	273.9	275.0	277.1	279.1	279.9	266.9	274.9	277.8

(P) - Preliminary, average of weeks.

(1) - All 1959 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats, and barley. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 92 common stock prices declined a further 5.0 per cent between August 27th and September 24th, for a total loss of 10.0 per cent since August 6th when the index stood at 283.1. The three major groups moved lower over the four weeks: 72 Industrials, 5.6 per cent, 13 Utilities, 4.0 per cent and 7 Banks, 1.7 per cent. Losses were partially offset, particularly for Banks, by strength in the last week of the month. Sub-group declines ranged down from 10.3 to 2.6 per cent, headed by Textiles and Clothing, down 10.3 per cent from 229.4 to 205.8, Oils, down 6.7 per cent from 187.6 to 175.1, and Industrial Mines, down 6.6 per cent from 198.7 to 185.5.

The index of 27 Mining issues dropped 6.9 per cent in the four-week period under review, reflecting declines of 8.7 and 5.1 per cent respectively for 6 Base Metals and 21 Golds.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 27th	Sept. 3rd	Sept. 10th	Sept. 17th	Sept. 24th	Sept. 1958	Aug. 1959	Sept. 1959
Investors' Price Index								
92 Common Stocks	268.4	261.8	256.4	248.3	254.9	255.0	274.6	255.4
72 Industrials	275.5	268.1	262.8	255.3	260.0	264.9	282.0	261.6
13 Utilities	195.3	192.9	190.7	184.5	187.4	198.2	199.8	188.9
7 Banks	366.7	358.8	344.5	326.5	360.4	287.8	373.7	347.6
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	117.6	115.3	111.4	109.9	109.5	106.7	119.8	111.5
21 Golds	85.0	83.7	81.8	81.7	80.7	73.8	86.1	82.0
6 Base Metals	192.2	187.8	179.3	174.3	175.4	182.0	196.9	179.2



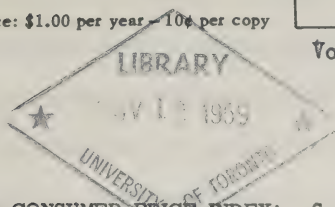
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949 = 100)

Canada's Consumer Price Index advanced 0.7 per cent from 127.1 to 128.0 between September and October 1959. Although all five group indexes contributed to this current movement, a further seasonal increase of 1.5 per cent in foods accounted for most of it. Increases in the other four component groups averaged 0.3 per cent.

The rise in the Food index from 122.4 to 124.2, as in the July-September period was largely seasonal, and placed the October 1959 index less than 1 per cent above the October 1958 level. A sharp seasonal gain in egg prices which normally occurs in late summer, combined with usual seasonal price advances for fresh tomatoes and lettuce. Milk prices increased a cent per quart in some Ontario cities to produce the first price change in this item in nearly two years. While potato prices were lower, they remained above October levels of recent years. Other fresh vegetables were off slightly, and beef and pork prices were steady.

A rise of 0.6 per cent in the Clothing index, from 109.8 to 110.5, reflected prices of new season's lines of women's and girls' winter coats and girls' snow suits, up from last season's year-end levels. Some small price increases occurred in other lines and footwear prices continued to edge upwards. The Household Operation index increased 0.2 per cent from 123.1 to 123.4. Appliance prices were mixed as new models started to appear on the market. Refrigerators, electric stoves, and irons were lower with washing machines and vacuum cleaners at somewhat higher levels. Price changes on furniture were attributable to prices rising from previous month's sale levels. Price increases also occurred on such household items as light bulbs, soap flakes, dishes, and brooms. The Other Commodities and Services index was up 0.2 per cent from 135.2 to 135.5 following slight scattered increases.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
October 1959	128.0	124.2	142.4	110.5	123.4	135.5
September 1959	127.1	122.4	142.0	109.8	123.1	135.2
October 1958	126.0	123.4	139.6	109.9	121.3	131.8

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 industrial raw material prices eased 0.5 per cent between September 25th and October 23rd, to 243.0. At this level the index stood 5.7 and 4.3 per cent respectively above the comparable weeks in October 1957 and 1958. Commodities showing lower were beef hides and steers followed by lesser declines for hogs, spruce lumber, wheat, cotton, and raw wool. Price increases were recorded for oats, linseed oil, domestic zinc, raw rubber, and steel sheets.

In the same period the index of Canadian farm products at terminal markets declined 2.1 per cent as losses in Animal Products over-balanced gains for Field Products. For Animal Products the 4.8 per cent decline reflected lower prices for all livestock items, particularly calves on the Winnipeg market. Eggs showed sharply lower, while fluid milk prices rose moderately. In Field Products the 2.7 per cent increase was caused by sharp gains for potatoes and flax followed by Western rye and Eastern grains, except corn which declined. Regional indexes were lower: the Eastern fell 1.8 per cent from 239.3 to 234.9 and the Western fell 2.4 per cent from 201.1 to 196.3.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Sept. 25th	Oct. 2nd	Oct. 9th	Oct. 16th	Oct. 23rd	Oct. 1958	Sept. 1959	Oct. (P) 1959
Industrial Materials.....	244.3	243.8	242.9	243.0	243.0	228.2	243.7	243.2
Canadian Farm Products	220.2	216.9	214.7	215.2	215.6	211.8	219.0	215.6
Field	160.5	160.0	160.2	162.3	164.8	154.3	161.0	161.8
Animal.....	279.9	273.8	269.3	268.1	266.4	269.3	277.0	269.4

(P) - Preliminary, average of weeks.

(1) - All 1959 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats, and barley. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 92 common stock prices moved down 1.0 per cent in the five-week period September 24th to

October 29th. Among major groups, 7 Banks fell 4.7 per cent while 72 Industrials and 13 Utilities showed fractional losses. Sub-groups presented a mixed picture with 7 declines headed by Food and Allied Products, down 7.5 per cent from 252.8 to 233.9, and Milling down 4.8 per cent from 216.8 to 206.3. Of the five sub-groups registering gains, four were fractionally higher while Industrial Mines advanced 4.4 per cent from 185.5 to 193.6.

The index of 27 mining stocks rose 2.8 per cent in the same period, reflecting gains of 4.3 and 1.5 per cent respectively for 6 Base Metals and 21 Golds.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended						Monthly Average		
	Sept. 24th	Oct. 1st	Oct. 8th	Oct. 15th	Oct. 22nd	Oct. 29th	Oct. 1958	Sept. 1959	Oct. 1959
Investors' Price Index									
92 Common Stocks	254.9	255.2	253.0	252.4	249.5	252.3	262.1	255.4	252.5
72 Industrials.....	260.0	260.0	257.7	256.9	254.0	258.4	272.8	261.6	257.4
13 Utilities.....	187.4	188.5	187.4	187.4	186.2	187.0	197.2	188.9	187.3
7 Banks	360.4	361.7	358.1	359.1	351.1	343.4	305.0	347.6	354.7
Mining Stock Price Index									
27 Stocks.....	109.5	112.0	114.0	112.1	110.4	112.6	114.4	111.5	112.2
21 Golds	80.7	82.1	84.4	83.4	81.7	81.9	74.7	82.0	82.7
6 Base Metals.....	175.4	180.5	181.9	177.7	176.2	183.0	205.1	179.2	179.9



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: Between October and November 1959 the Consumer Price Index (1949=100) edged up slightly from 128.0 to 128.3. The November index is 1.6 per cent above the level of a year ago. The food component declined 0.3 per cent in the current period. Increases in Clothing (0.8 per cent) and Other Commodities and Services (1.0 per cent) were largely responsible for the movement of the total index. Both the Shelter and Household Operation indexes registered fractional increases of 0.1 per cent.

The Clothing index advanced from 110.5 to 111.4 as November prices for women's fur coats and boys' parkas were up from prices prevailing at the end of last season as well as above the level of a year ago. Footwear recorded further price increases, particularly children's shoes which were up 4.6 per cent. A number of men's furnishings rose slightly.

The rise in the Other Commodities and Services index from 135.5 to 136.9 was due largely to initial pricing of 1960 passenger cars which were 4 per cent above the 1959 model prices of a year ago and 13 per cent higher than model year end prices of October 1959. Higher prices were also in evidence for theatre admissions, pharmaceuticals, personal care items, men's haircuts, and women's hair-dressing.

The Shelter index increased from 142.4 to 142.6; rents were up 0.1 per cent and home-ownership up 0.3 per cent. The change in the Household Operation index from 123.4 to 123.5 reflected a number of minor price increases for household supplies, utensils, and fuel. The Food index declined from 124.2 to 123.8. Lower prices were reported for eggs, grapefruit, canned vegetables, some beef and pork cuts, and lamb. Most fresh vegetable prices were higher.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
November 1959	128.3	123.8	142.6	111.4	123.5	136.9
October 1959	128.0	124.2	142.4	110.5	123.4	135.5
November 1958	126.3	123.2	139.8	110.4	121.5	133.1

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 industrial raw material prices eased 0.2 per cent in the four-week period October 30th

to November 20th. The most significant price changes noted were a further drop for beef hides, an easing for linseed oil following recent sharp gains, and an increase for raw rubber which continued the upward trend apparent since July 1958. Lesser changes included declines for raw wool and oats, and gains for steers, domestic copper, raw sugar, raw cotton and wheat.

In the same period the index of Canadian farm products at terminal markets moved 0.4 per cent higher. The Animal Product index increase of 0.7 per cent reflected higher prices for calves and cheesemilk both East and West, and steers, hogs and poultry on Eastern markets, which were partially offset by declines for eggs, and for raw wool and steers in the West. The Field Product index was almost unchanged as lower prices for Western flax and rye and Eastern barley, corn and potatoes were almost balanced by gains for Western potatoes and hay and Eastern rye and wheat. Regional index changes were as follows: Eastern up 0.9 per cent from 235.5 to 237.6 and the Western down 0.2 per cent from 197.1 to 196.8.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 30th	Nov. 6th	Nov. 13th	Nov. 20th	Nov. 27th	Nov. 1958	Oct. 1959	Nov. (P) 1959
Industrial Materials.....	242.7	241.9	242.6	242.1	NOT AVAILABLE	233.1	242.0	242.2
Canadian Farm Products	216.3	218.0	217.4	217.2		212.1	215.4	217.5
Field	164.8	165.0	164.8	164.6		155.2	163.0	164.8
Animal.....	267.8	270.9	269.9	269.8		269.1	267.9	270.2

(P) - Preliminary, average of weeks.

(1) - All 1959 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats, and barley. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 92 common stock prices edged 0.5 per cent higher in the four-week period October 29th to November 26th. The week-to-week movement showed gains in the first two and last weeks, with a sharp dip in the week of November 19th which reflected losses for a number of Industrial component sub-groups. Changes for major groups were: 72 Industrials and 13 Utilities, up 0.6 and 0.5 per cent respectively, and 7 Banks down 0.3 per cent. Compared to the week of August 6th, the 1959 high to date for the Investors' Index, these major group indexes have fallen 10.7, 7.8, and 11.9 per cent respectively. Gains for 7 sub-groups since October 29th were led by 5.2 per cent for Pulp and Paper, from 1089.4 to 1146.1, 5.0 per cent for Industrial Mines, from 193.6 to 203.2, and 4.9 per cent for Telephones, from 108.8 to 114.1. Five sub-groups moved down, led by 3.6 per cent for Oils, from 171.0 to 164.9, and 3.6 per cent for Transportation, from 303.6 to 292.8.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 29th	Nov. 5th	Nov. 12th	Nov. 19th	Nov. 26th	Nov. 1958	Oct. 1959	Nov. 1959
Investors' Price Index								
92 Common Stocks	252.3	252.6	254.5	250.8	253.5	262.0	252.5	252.8
72 Industrials.....	258.4	259.0	261.4	256.5	259.9	271.2	257.4	259.2
13 Utilities.....	187.0	187.3	186.9	185.5	187.9	197.7	187.3	186.9
7 Banks	343.4	339.6	342.1	346.0	342.4	318.0	354.7	342.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	112.6	113.9	113.0	112.5	110.9	117.6	112.2	112.6
21 Golds	81.9	83.0	83.1	82.6	81.5	77.9	82.7	82.6
6 Base Metals.....	183.0	184.8	181.4	180.8	178.2	208.8	179.9	181.3



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.3 per cent from 128.3 to 127.9 between November and December 1959. A year ago the index stood at 126.2. Over the year 1959, the index averaged 126.5, or 1.1 per cent above the 1958 level of 125.1. The current month's movement was due entirely to a drop of 1.1 per cent in foods as the other four group indexes recorded little or no change. The Clothing and Other Commodities and Services indexes were both unchanged while the Shelter and Household Operation indexes were up fractionally.

The Food index moved from 123.8 to 122.4 to stand almost at the December 1958 level of 122.2. The sharpest drop in egg prices in some years accounted for most of this change, as Grade A large eggs decreased 14.4 cents to 48.3 cents a dozen - the lowest since March 1950 and the lowest December price since 1944. Imported fruits, orange juice, pork and chicken were also lower. Fresh vegetables, particularly tomatoes and cabbage, were higher.

The Shelter index increased 0.1 per cent from 142.6 to 142.7 as rents were unchanged and home-ownership rose slightly. The Clothing index was unchanged at 111.4 as price increases for footwear and a scatter of children's items were balanced by sale prices for women's winter coats. The Household Operation index rose 0.2 per cent from 123.5 to 123.7. Slightly higher prices were reported for coal, utensils and equipment, household supplies, laundry, dry cleaning, and shoe repairs. The Other Commodities and Services index, unchanged at 136.9, showed little or no price movement on most items.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
December 1959	127.9	122.4	142.7	111.4	123.7	136.9
November 1959	128.3	123.8	142.6	111.4	123.5	136.9
December 1958	126.2	122.2	139.9	110.5	122.0	133.4

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 industrial materials moved up fractionally between November 27th and December 18th. In the three-week period price increases were recorded for eight commodities, headed by major gains for beef hides and rosin, and lesser increases for sisal and bituminous coal, while declines for seven items were led by raw rubber, steers, linseed oil and oats. The most significant changes over the year, as reflected by comparison with the index of 233.7 in the closing week of 1958, were as follows:

Increases: Rosin
Rubber, raw
Fir timber
Sisal
Beef hides
Wool, raw
Zinc, domestic

Decreases: Cotton, raw
Steers
Sugar, raw
Hogs
Lead, domestic

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets eased 0.7 per cent in the same three-week comparison. Animal Products moved down 1.4 per cent reflecting lower prices for steers and eggs, both East and West, and for Eastern cheesemilk, which were partially offset by price gains for calves, and for poultry, lambs and butterfat in the East. A fractional gain for Field Products reflected increases for tobacco, most Eastern grains, and Western hay, which were almost balanced by declines for potatoes, Eastern barley and Western flax and rye. Both regional indexes moved lower, the Eastern 0.9 per cent from 236.2 to 234.0 and the Western 0.4 per cent from 195.7 to 195.0.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 27th	Dec. 4th	Dec. 11th	Dec. 18th	Dec. 25th	Dec. 1958	Nov. 1959	Dec. (P) 1959
Industrial Materials.....	240.9	243.8	243.0	241.8	NOT AVAILABLE	233.8	240.8	242.9
Canadian Farm Products	216.0	216.3	217.5	214.5		217.6	217.1	216.1
Field	165.9	166.4	166.4	166.6		156.6	165.1	166.5
Animal.....	266.1	266.2	268.6	262.4		278.7	269.1	265.7

(P) - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

(1) - All 1959 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats, and barley. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 92 common stock prices advanced 3.7 per cent in the four-week period November 26th to December 24th. Increases for major groups were: 72 Industrials 4.5 per cent, 13 Utilities 1.3 per cent, and 7 Banks 0.1 per cent. Sub-group gains were led by Oils, up 7.7 per cent from 164.9 to 177.6; Machinery and Equipment, up 7.3 per cent from 707.7 to 759.1, and Industrial Mines, up 3.9 per cent from 203.2 to 211.2. Two sub-groups moved against the trend to show small declines: Textiles and Clothing, from 208.4 to 206.8 and Food and Allied Products, from 227.9 to 227.7.

The index of 27 Mining stocks moved up 2.5 per cent in the period under review, reflecting increases of 3.3 per cent for 6 Base Metals, and 1.8 per cent for 21 Gold stocks.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 26th	Dec. 3rd	Dec. 10th	Dec. 17th	Dec. 24th	Dec. 1958	Nov. 1959	Dec. (P) 1959
Investors' Price Index								
92 Common Stocks	253.5	255.5	262.1	264.4	262.9	259.1	252.8	261.2
72 Industrials.....	259.9	262.0	269.2	272.8	271.7	266.8	259.2	268.9
13 Utilities.....	187.9	189.2	191.8	190.9	190.4	195.8	186.9	190.6
7 Banks	342.4	343.7	354.7	351.3	342.7	328.0	342.5	348.1
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks.....	110.9	110.3	112.9	112.6	113.7	116.1	112.6	112.4
21 Golds	81.5	80.9	81.9	82.2	83.0	80.6	82.6	82.0
6 Base Metals	178.2	177.6	183.9	182.1	184.1	197.5	181.3	181.9

(P) Preliminary: average of four weeks.



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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949= 100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.3 per cent from 127.9 to 127.5 between December 1959 and January 1960. The latest index is 1.1 per cent above the January 1959 index of 126.1. In the current period movement of the total index resulted from a lower food index combined with the effects of January sales in clothing and homefurnishings. Shelter was up fractionally while the Other Commodities and Services component was unchanged.

The Food index declined 0.7 per cent from 122.4 to 121.6 to stand below the January 1959 index of 122.3. Egg prices recorded a further substantial decrease of 6 cents per dozen, as Grade A large averaged 42 cents. Oranges, orange juice, and lettuce were lower and beef and pork prices also eased slightly. Chicken and lamb were higher, fresh vegetables recorded seasonal price increases, and canned vegetables registered slight advances.

The Clothing index decreased 1.1 per cent from 111.4 to 110.2 as traditional January sales were in evidence on a wide range of men's, women's, and children's wear as well as some items of footwear. Sale prices particularly affected women's fur and cloth coats, men's overcoats, and women's overshoes. The Shelter index moved from 142.7 to 142.8, a fractional increase of 0.1 per cent. Rents were unchanged, but the home-ownership component was up.

The Household Operation index, also reflecting January sales in appliances, furniture, and textiles, declined 0.3 per cent from 123.7 to 123.3. Some utensils and equipment and household supplies were higher. The Other Commodities and Services index was unchanged at 136.9 as somewhat lower prices for new passenger cars and gasoline were offset by rates which averaged higher for hospitals and newspapers.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
January 1960	127.5	121.6	142.8	110.2	123.3	136.9
December 1959	127.9	122.4	142.7	111.4	123.7	136.9
January 1959	126.1	122.3	140.2	109.2	121.8	133.4

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 industrial materials edged up 0.5 per cent from 243.4 to 244.7 in the three-week period December 31st to January 22nd. Price gains were noted for sisal, beef hides, rosin, zinc and tin, while raw sugar and linseed oil moved moderately lower.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved up 0.7 per cent in the period under review, from 214.1 to 215.6. The Field Product index increase of 2.6 per cent from 168.1 to 172.5, reflected price gains for potatoes, particularly on Eastern markets, and lesser increases for Western rye and hay, and Eastern tobacco, oats, wheat and barley. Three items showing lower were Eastern peas and corn and Western flax. In Animal Products, which eased 0.5 per cent lower from 260.2 to 258.8, price declines were noted for eggs on both markets; hogs and calves, chiefly in the West; Western raw wool and Eastern cheesemilk. These were partially balanced by higher prices for poultry and lambs. Changes for the regional indexes were as follows: Eastern up 1.8 from 235.2 to 239.5, and Western down 0.7 per cent from 193.1 to 191.8.

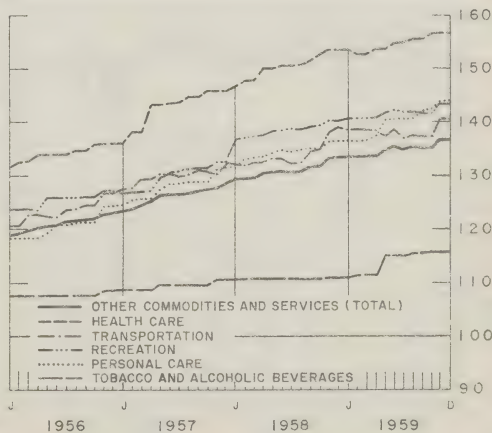
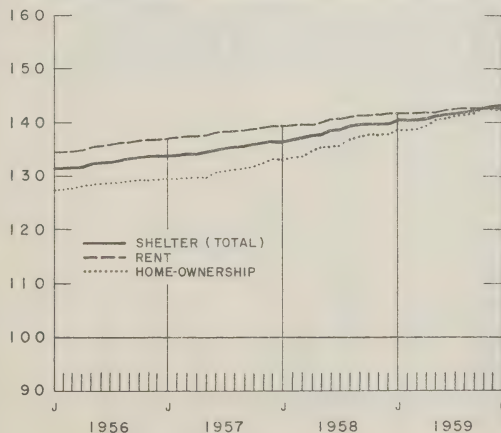
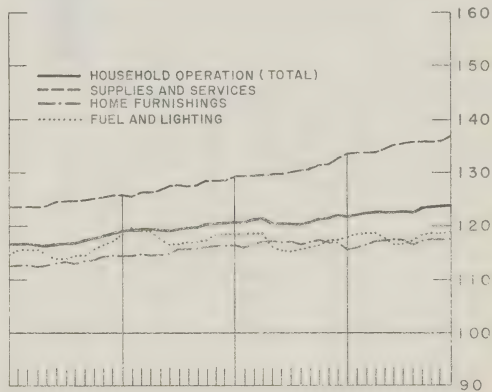
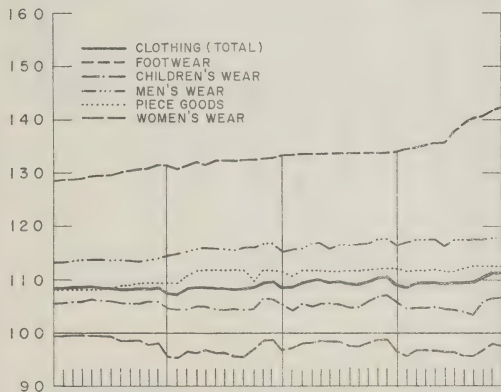
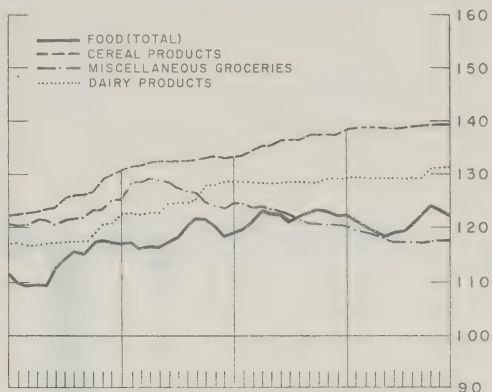
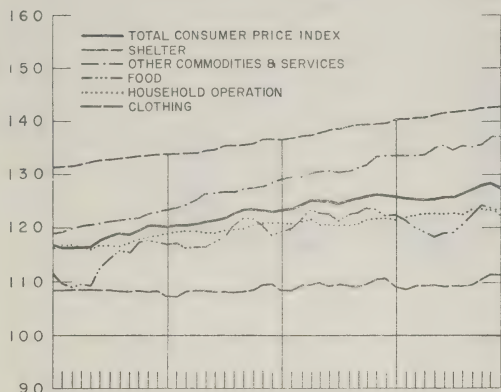
Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959	1960 Week Ended				Monthly Average		
	Dec. 31st	Jan. 8th	Jan. 15th	Jan. 22nd	Jan. 29th	Jan. 1959	Dec. 1959	Jan. (P) 1960
Industrial Materials.....	243.4	243.6	243.8	244.7	NOT AVAILABLE	234.0	241.9	244.0
Canadian Farm Products	214.1	214.0	215.2	215.6		217.7	215.0	214.9
Field	168.1	169.7	172.0	172.5		156.6	166.8	171.4
Animal.....	260.2	258.3	258.5	258.8		278.7	263.1	258.5

(1) - All 1959 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats, and barley. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

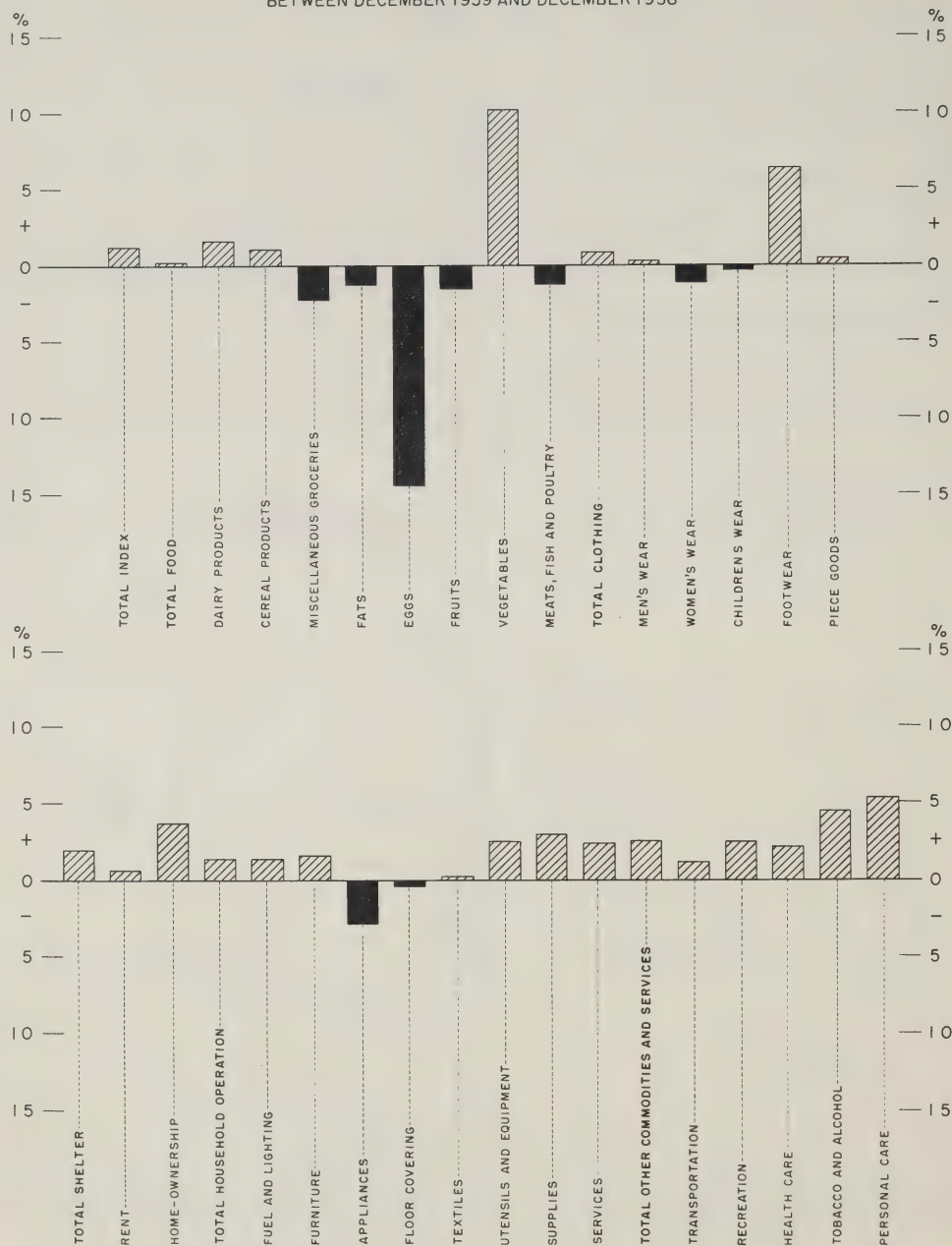
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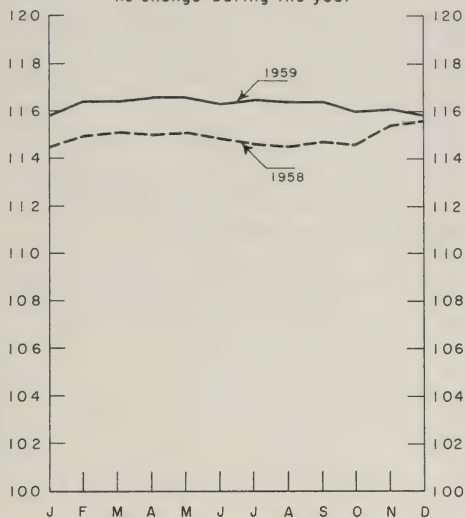
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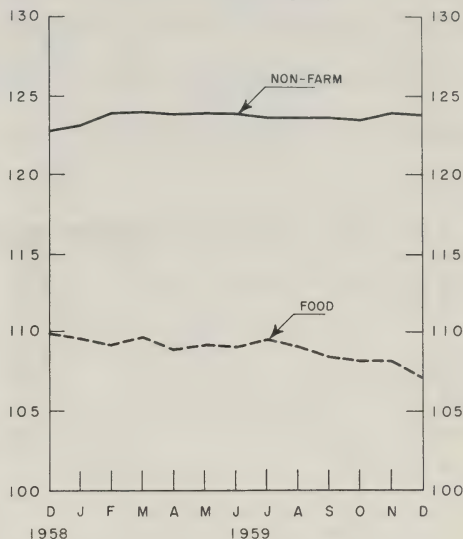
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(1949 = 100)

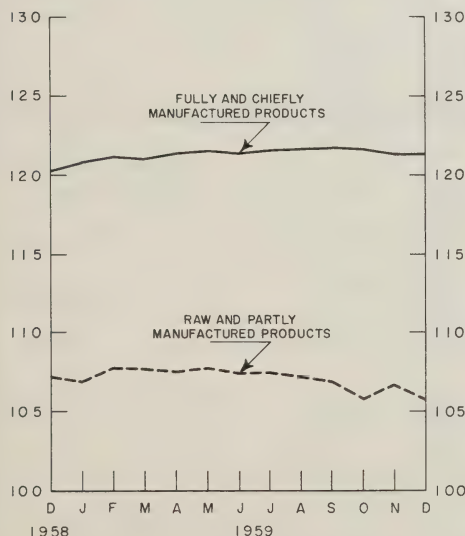
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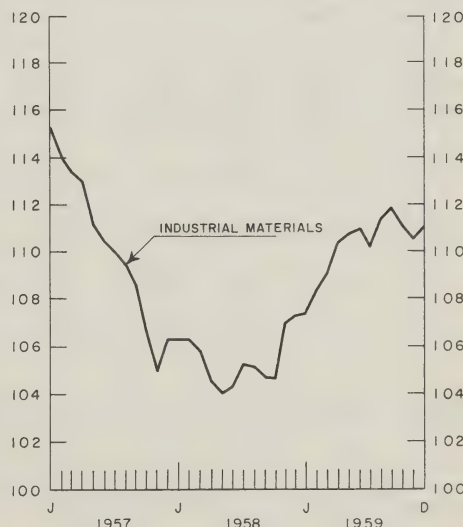
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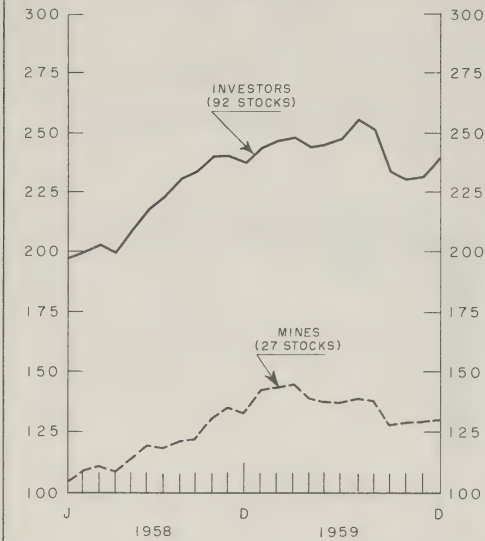
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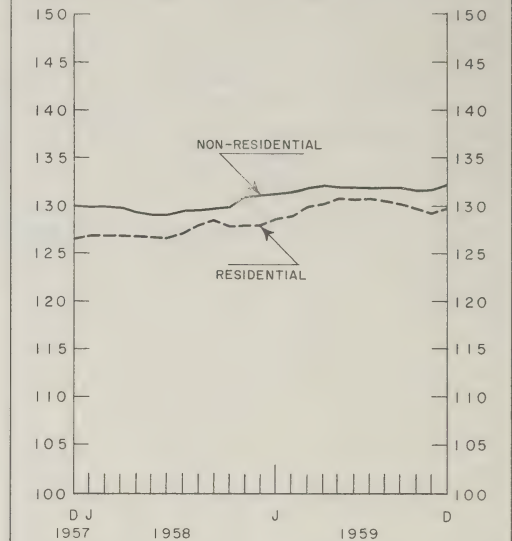
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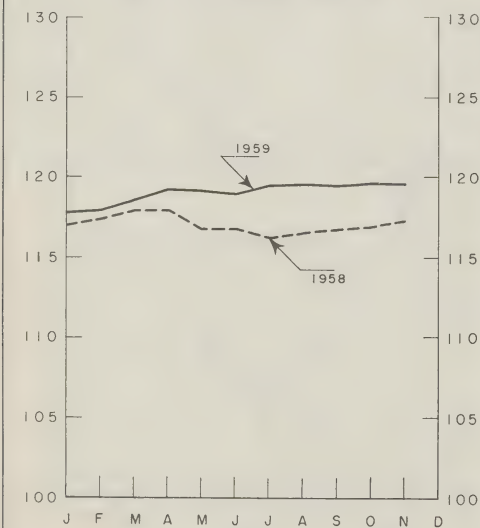
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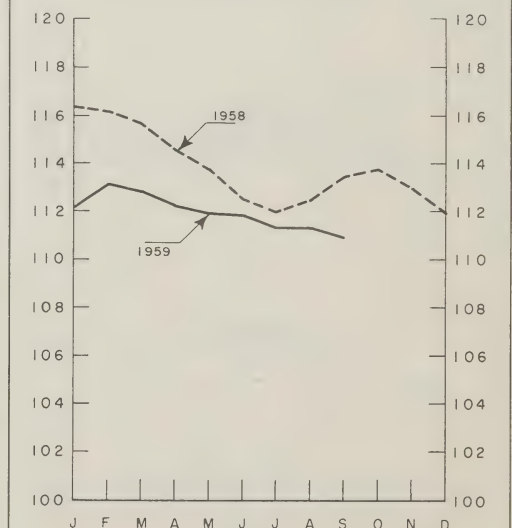
and BUILDING MATERIALS INDEXES
showed little change from 1958



while EXPORT prices were steady during
1959 and just above 1958 level



and IMPORT prices eased lower
in both 1958 and 1959



SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 94 common stock prices fell 3.4 per cent in the four-week period between December 31st and

January 28th. Declines for major groups were: 73 Industrials 3.3 per cent; 7 Banks 6.9 per cent and 14 Utilities 1.0 per cent. Sub-group declines were led by Building Materials, down 6.6 per cent from 535.8 to 500.5, Textiles and Clothing, 6.2 per cent from 212.6 to 199.4, Pulp and Paper 5.5 per cent from 1184.9 to 1120.3, and Power and Traction 5.0 per cent from 212.1 to 201.6.

The index of 28 Mining stocks declined 1.1 per cent, reflecting losses of 1.7 per cent for 22 Golds and 0.5 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	1959 Dec. 31st	Jan. 7th	Jan. 14th	Jan. 21st	Jan. 28th	Jan. 1959	Dec. 1959	Jan. 1960
Investors' Price Index								
94 Common Stocks	262.5	262.7	262.1	258.3	253.7	266.0	261.5	259.2
73 Industrials.....	271.0	271.1	271.1	266.2	262.0	275.4	269.3	267.6
14 Utilities.....	190.9	192.6	190.9	191.6	189.0	198.9	190.6	191.0
7 Banks	343.8	341.5	336.3	333.2	320.1	327.6	347.2	332.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
28 Stocks.....	114.6	115.1	115.1	114.2	113.3	123.7	112.8	114.4
22 Golds	83.4	82.7	82.5	82.4	82.0	85.6	82.3	82.4
6 Base Metals	186.1	189.4	189.7	187.1	185.1	211.2	182.8	187.8



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The Consumer Price Index declined 0.2 per cent from 127.5 to 127.2 between the beginning of January and February 1960. A year ago the index stood at 125.7.

(1949=100)

The current decrease resulted almost entirely from a decline of 0.7 per cent in the Food index combined with a drop of 0.4 per cent in the Clothing index and 0.1 per cent in the Household Operation index. The Shelter and Other Commodities and Services indexes were both up a fractional 0.1 per cent.

The Food index moved from 121.6 to 120.8 as lower prices were reported for a wide range of meats, with price declines in beef ranging up to five cents per pound. Other price declines were limited largely to orange juice, grapefruit and most fats. Egg prices, after dropping some twenty cents per dozen between November 1959 and January 1960, edged slightly lower in February to stand at 41 cents per dozen. Most fresh and canned fruits and vegetables were higher with potato prices, continuing to rise, at their highest February levels since 1952.

The Shelter index rose slightly from 142.8 to 142.9 as the home-ownership component increased slightly while the rent component, unchanged for the fourth successive month, continued its levelling trend apparent over the past year.

A drop of 0.4 per cent in the Clothing index, from 110.2 to 109.8, reflected a further impact of winter sales. Men's, women's and girls' winter overcoats, boys' parkas and girls' snowsuits were mainly affected.

In the Household Operation index, a fractional decline from 123.3 to 123.2 resulted mainly from sale prices in furniture and floor coverings, which more than balanced scattered price increases for some household supplies and utensils, as well as textile prices up from January sale levels.

Price changes in Other Commodities and Services were of a minor nature with somewhat higher prices reported for pharmaceuticals, personal care items and taxi rates, which were partially offset by price declines for gasoline. As a result, the index increased from 136.9 to 137.0.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
February 1960	127.2	120.8	142.9	109.8	123.2	137.0
January 1960	127.5	121.6	142.8	110.2	123.3	136.9
February 1959	125.7	121.2	140.2	108.8	122.0	133.4

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY) The price index of 30 industrial materials eased
(1935-1939 = 100)

0.6 per cent from 243.8 to 242.3 in the three-week period between January 29th and February 19th. Price declines were recorded for beef hides, linseed oil, steers, oats, and raw cotton, while increases occurred for hogs, raw sugar, domestic copper, and tin.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets was almost unchanged at 212.5 at February 19th, compared to 213.3 for the week ending January 29th. The Field Products Index eased 0.5 per cent lower from 172.7 to 171.9 reflecting slight declines for potatoes, both East and West, Western flax and rye, and most Eastern grains. The Animal Products Index similarly eased 0.4 per cent lower from 254.0 to 253.1 as decreases for steers and cheesemilk, both East and West, and Eastern poultry, were almost balanced by gains for eggs, hogs, calves, and lambs. Regional index changes were: Eastern down from 236.4 to 235.2, and Western down from 190.2 to 189.8.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 29th	Feb. 5th	Feb. 12th	Feb. 19th	Feb. 26th	Feb. 1959	Jan. 1960	Feb.(P) 1960
Industrial Materials.....	243.8	243.6	243.2	242.3	NOT AVAILABLE	236.0	243.2	243.01
Canadian Farm Products	213.3	212.3	212.9	212.5		217.9	214.6	212.6
Field	172.7	172.6	172.4	171.9		161.8	171.6	172.3
Animal.....	254.0	251.9	253.4	253.1		274.0	257.7	252.8

- (1) - All 1959 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley. The February 1959 index has been revised to reflect a 10 cent interim payment on wheat for the crop year August 1958 to July 1959.
- (P) - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 94 common stock prices moved 3.6 per cent lower in the four weeks from January 28th to February

25th to its lowest level since the index of 245.4 for the week of July 24th, 1958. Declines for major groups were: 7 Banks, down 4.1 per cent; 73 Industrials, down 3.8 per cent; and 14 Utilities, down 2.0 per cent. All sub-groups registered declines, led by Building Materials, down 5.8 from 500.5 to 471.7; Oils, 5.5 per cent from 178.4 to 168.5; Pulp and Paper, 5.4 per cent from 1120.3 to 1059.8; Power and Traction, 4.9 per cent from 201.6 to 191.8; and Milling and Grains, down 4.7 per cent from 200.6 to 191.1.

The index of 28 Mining stocks fell 4.6 per cent reflecting declines of 8.2 per cent for 6 Base Metals, and 1.1 per cent for 22 Golds.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 28th	Feb. 4th	Feb. 11th	Feb. 18th	Feb. 25th	Feb. 1959	Jan. 1960	Feb. 1960
Investors' Price Index								
94 Common Stocks	253.7	254.4	252.7	248.0	244.5	269.9	259.2	249.9
73 Industrials.....	262.0	262.7	260.9	255.9	252.0	279.1	267.6	257.9
14 Utilities.....	189.0	188.2	188.0	185.8	185.3	202.0	191.0	186.8
7 Banks	320.1	324.2	320.8	313.3	307.0	335.8	332.8	316.3
Mining Stock Price Index								
28 Stocks.....	113.3	111.8	110.9	110.9	108.1	124.9	114.4	110.4
22 Golds	82.0	82.0	82.4	82.6	81.1	85.7	82.4	82.0
6 Base Metals.....	185.1	180.1	176.3	175.8	170.0	214.8	187.8	175.6



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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.2 per cent from 127.2 to 126.9 between February and March 1960. A year ago the index stood at 125.5. The current decrease resulted from

a drop of 1.2 per cent in the food index as the other four groups recorded little or no change.

The Food index moved from 120.8 to 119.4 as further price declines, averaging nearly two cents per pound, were reported for both beef and pork cuts. Bacon was down seven cents per pound. Price decreases occurred on a wide range of fresh vegetables, with potatoes down slightly from February levels after a series of price increases in previous months. Egg prices, after reaching a record low in February of 41 cents per dozen, climbed six cents a dozen in March. The March 1960 Food index of 119.4 stood 0.5 per cent below the March 1959 level of 120.0. Compared to a year ago prices for beef were 8 per cent lower, pork 8 per cent lower, eggs 10 per cent lower, dairy items 2 per cent higher, cereals 1 per cent higher, fresh and canned fruits 5 per cent higher and vegetables, largely due to potatoes, 10 per cent higher.

The Shelter index was unchanged at 142.9. The Clothing index increased 0.5 per cent from 109.8 to 110.4. Most of this movement reflected price advances from end of season sales for women's and girls' coats.

The Household Operation index increased a fractional 0.2 per cent from 123.2 to 123.4 as higher prices were reported for a number of items of household utensils and equipment, including glassware, saucepans and garbage cans. Some furniture and floor covering items were up somewhat from sale prices of previous months. Laundry rates and shoe repair prices both advanced one per cent.

The Other Commodities and Services index was unchanged at 137.0 as lower quotations on new passenger cars balanced price increases for a number of automobile operation items.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
March 1960	126.9	119.4	142.9	110.4	123.4	137.0
February 1960	127.2	120.8	142.9	109.8	123.2	137.0
March 1959	125.5	120.0	140.3	109.4	122.3	133.4

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

The price index of 30 industrial materials fluctuated narrowly during March for a net gain of 0.8 per cent over the four-week period February 25th to March 26th, from 241.1 to 243.0. Higher prices were reported for linseed oil, hogs, beef hides, steers, oats and raw rubber, while raw sugar moved lower.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets rose 3.4 per cent from 210.5 to 217.7 in the four-weeks reviewed. The Field Products Index gained 3.5 per cent from 171.3 to 177.3 reflecting higher prices for potatoes, particularly in the East, Western flax and Eastern peas and corn, which were partly offset by declines for Eastern rye, oats and wheat. The Animal Products Index increased 3.4 per cent from 249.7 to 258.1 as price increases were reported for eggs, chiefly on Eastern markets, hogs, lambs, steers, and Eastern Poultry. Calves and Eastern cheese-milk showed lower. Regional index changes were as follows: Eastern up 5.1 per cent from 232.0 to 243.9 and Western up 1.3 per cent from 189.0 to 191.5.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 25th	Mar. 3rd	Mar. 10th	Mar. 17th	Mar. 26th	Mar. 1959	Feb. 1960	Mar.(P) 1960
Industrial Materials.....	241.1	239.6	240.2	240.8	243.0	237.7	241.8	240.9
Canadian Farm Products	210.5	208.3	210.2	212.3	217.7	215.5	212.0	212.1
Field	171.3	171.3	172.1	174.5	177.3	161.5	172.0	173.8
Animal.....	249.7	245.4	248.5	250.1	258.1	269.5	252.0	250.5

- (1) - All 1959 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.
- (P) - Preliminary, average of four weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 94 common stock prices, following (1935-1939 = 100) an almost uninterrupted 13-week decline of 11.0 per cent from 264.4 at December 17th to 235.3 at March 10th, climbed to 246.7 at March 24th. In the four-week period from February 25th the index edged 0.9 per cent higher, from 244.5 to 246.7 reflecting increases of 1.4 per cent for 7 Banks from 307.0 to 311.3 and 1.0 per cent for Industrials from 252.0 to 254.6, and a decline of 0.4 per cent for 14 Utilities from 185.3 to 184.5. Sub-group changes in this period included four increases headed by Oils up 5.0 per cent from 168.5 to 177.0, and Pulp and Paper up 2.3 per cent from 1059.8 to 1084.5, and 8 declines led by Milling and Grains down 4.4 per cent from 191.1 to 182.7 and Transportation down 3.1 per cent from 296.0 to 286.7.

The index of 28 Mining stock edged up 0.3 per cent in the four-week period from 108.1 to 108.4 reflecting a 3.3 per cent gain for 22 Golds from 81.1 to 83.8, which was almost balanced by a 3.2 per cent loss for 6 Base Metals from 170.0 to 164.6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 25th	Mar. 3rd	Mar. 10th	Mar. 17th	Mar. 24th	Mar. 1959	Feb. 1960	Mar.(P) 1960
Investors' Price Index								
94 Common Stocks	244.5	240.3	235.3	242.0	246.7	270.2	249.9	241.1
73 Industrials.....	252.0	246.6	241.1	249.1	254.6	278.3	257.9	247.8
14 Utilities.....	185.3	185.1	183.5	183.3	184.5	202.6	186.8	184.1
7 Banks	307.0	305.9	296.9	307.5	311.3	345.9	316.3	305.4
Mining Stock Price Index								
28 Stocks.....	108.1	106.4	106.3	107.5	108.4	126.6	110.4	107.2
22 Golds	81.1	80.4	82.0	82.6	83.8	86.1	82.0	82.2
6 Base Metals	170.0	166.0	162.0	164.6	164.6	219.4	175.6	164.3

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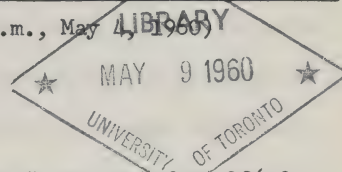
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.5 per cent from 126.9 to 127.5 between March and April 1960. In April 1959 the index stood at 125.4. Although all five group

indexes were higher in the current month, an increase of 1.3 per cent in the Food index accounted for most of the movement at the total level.

The Food index rose from 119.4 to 120.9 as price increases occurred for bread, eggs, citrus fruits, apples, potatoes and chicken. Beef and pork prices were generally lower, as were most imported fresh vegetables.

The Shelter index moved from 142.9 to 143.3, a rise of 0.3 per cent. The rent component was unchanged but the home-ownership component recorded a further increase.

An upward movement of 0.4 per cent in the Clothing index, from 110.4 to 110.8, reflected scattered price increases for some items of footwear and men's clothing, as well as items of women's clothing up from sale levels of previous months.

In the Household operation index, a fractional increase from 123.4 to 123.5 reflected somewhat higher prices for some appliances resulting from initial pricing of 1960 models, as well as furniture prices up from sale levels. These increases, combined with some price increases for household utensils and equipment, more than balanced lower prices for textiles.

A movement of 0.1 per cent in Other Commodities and Services, from 137.0 to 137.1, followed higher doctors' and dentists' fees. Price declines were limited to gasoline, bicycles and toilet soap.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
April 1960	127.5	120.9	143.3	110.8	123.5	137.1
March 1960	126.9	119.4	142.9	110.4	123.4	137.0
April 1959	125.4	119.3	140.5	109.6	122.6	133.7

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The prices of 30 industrial materials showed almost no change in April as the index edged 0.2 per cent down from 243.0 to 242.4 over the four-week period March 25th to April 22nd. Price declines for beef hides, cottonseed oil and hogs, were almost entirely offset by minor gains registered by 12 commodities, led by steers, domestic lead and zinc, wheat, and raw rubber. The slightly lower value of the Canadian dollar in relation to the United States dollar was reflected in minor price advances for commodities entering international trade.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets edged 0.4 per cent higher in the same four-week period. The Field Products index rose 1.8 per cent reflecting price gains for potatoes and rye, Western flaxseed and Eastern corn, barley and hay. For Animal Products the index eased 0.5 per cent as declines for calves and hogs, chiefly on Eastern markets, and eggs and butterfat in the East, were almost balanced by gains for steers and lambs, the latter mainly in the East, and for poultry. The Eastern regional index was unchanged at 244.2 while the Western index moved up 0.9 per cent from 191.5 to 193.3.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Mar. 25th	Apr. 1st	Apr. 8th	Apr. 15th	Apr. 22nd	Apr. 1959	Mar. 1960	Apr. (P) 1960
Industrial Materials.....	243.0	242.9	242.8	242.9	242.4	240.4	240.4	242.8
Canadian Farm Products	217.9	219.4	218.2	218.8	218.8	217.3	213.6	218.8
Field	177.4	179.6	180.5	180.5	180.6	163.5	175.1	180.3
Animal.....	258.3	259.3	255.8	257.0	256.9	271.0	252.2	257.2

- (1) - All 1960 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.
- (P) - Preliminary, average of four weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 94 common stocks resumed its downward drift in the week of April 14th, for a net loss of

1.1 per cent over the four-week period March 31st to April 28th. Two major group indexes showed similar movements, 73 industrials registering a net loss of 1.3 per cent and 7 Banks a 1.2 per cent net loss, while the index for 14 Utilities turned down one week later for a net gain of 0.7 per cent. Four sub-groups declined, led by Oils (5.1 per cent) from 175.9 to 167.0, and Machinery and Equipment (3.5 per cent) from 690.2 to 665.9, while gains for 8 sub-groups, for the most part minor, were headed by Transportation (4.3 per cent) from 291.5 to 303.9, and Food and Allied Products (1.8 per cent) from 222.7 to 226.6.

The index of 28 Mining stocks fell 10.0 per cent over the four-weeks reviewed, reflecting losses of 16.2 per cent for 22 Golds and 2.9 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Mar. 31st	Apr. 7th	Apr. 14th	Apr. 21st	Apr. 28th	Apr. 1959	Mar. 1960	Apr. (P) 1960
Investors' Price Index								
94 Common Stocks	247.0	252.4	251.4	246.8	244.4	265.8	242.3	248.8
73 Industrials.....	255.0	260.9	260.2	254.2	251.6	271.7	249.3	256.7
14 Utilities.....	186.1	188.0	188.9	188.6	187.4	201.3	184.5	188.2
7 Banks.....	307.4	315.8	308.6	308.1	303.8	357.1	305.8	309.1
Mining Stock Price Index								
28 Stocks.....	108.5	110.3	108.9	103.7	97.6	120.6	107.4	105.1
22 Golds	83.9	84.1	82.7	76.4	70.3	85.5	82.5	78.4
6 Base Metals.....	164.9	170.3	168.9	166.2	160.2	201.2	164.4	166.4

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(P) - Preliminary, average of four weeks.



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MAY 1960

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index at the beginning of May 1960 was slightly lower than that of April 1960 as it moved from 127.5 to 127.4, a decline of 0.1 per cent. For May 1959, the index stood at 125.6. Decreases in the Food and Household Operation indexes outweighed increases in the Shelter and Other Commodities and Services indexes, with the Clothing index unchanged.

The Food component decreased 0.6 per cent from 120.9 to 120.2 as egg prices dropped six cents per dozen and lower prices were also reported for oranges and orange juice, tomatoes and bananas. Potato prices continued to rise and beef, after declining for several months, rose between April and May. Pork prices were steady.

The Shelter index rose slightly from 143.3 to 143.5, an increase of 0.1 per cent. The rent component was unchanged but home-ownership was higher, largely because property insurance, priced in May, was above last year's level.

The Clothing index was unchanged at 110.8 as only minor price changes occurred on a scatter of clothing items.

A drop of 0.3 per cent in the Household Operation index from 123.5 to 123.1, was due largely to a seasonal decline in coal prices and sale prices on textiles. Some utensils and household supplies were higher. Insurance rates on household effects, priced in May, were also higher.

An increase of 0.4 per cent in Other Commodities and Services, from 137.1 to 137.6, reflected higher automobile insurance rates as well as price increases for theatre admissions, men's haircuts, women's hairdressing and local transportation, the latter price change occurring in Toronto and Hamilton. New passenger cars showed seasonal price declines and gasoline prices were slightly lower.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
May 1960	127.4	120.2	143.5	110.8	123.1	137.6
April 1960	127.5	120.9	143.3	110.8	123.5	137.1
May 1959	125.6	118.5	141.0	109.7	122.5	134.9

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 industrial materials moved up 1.3 per cent from 242.6 to 245.8 between April

29th and May 20th. In the three-week period, price increases were recorded for 14 commodities including raw rubber, hogs, raw wool, linseed oil, oats, steers, tin, iron ore, bleached sulphite pulp, domestic zinc, and sisal. Price advances for commodities entering international trade reflected the drop in value of the Canadian dollar in relation to the United States dollar. Prices of bituminous coal and fir timber declined slightly.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets advanced 0.9 per cent in the three weeks under review. The Field Products index moved 0.9 per cent higher reflecting higher prices for Eastern potatoes and peas, and Western flaxseed and rye, which were partially offset by declines for Western potatoes and Eastern wheat. The Animal Products index gained 0.8 per cent as price increases for hogs and steers, and for raw wool in the West, were partly balanced by lower prices reported for eggs, chiefly on Eastern markets, lambs, mainly in the West, Eastern poultry, butterfat on both markets, fluid milk in the West (seasonal), and raw wool in the East. Regional index changes were as follows: Eastern, up 1.1 per cent from 243.7 to 246.3, and Western, up 0.5 per cent from 192.4 to 193.4.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	April 29th	May 6th	May 13th	May 20th	May 27th	May 1959	April 1960	May (P) 1960
Industrial Materials.....	242.6	242.9	244.1	245.8	NOT AVAILABLE	241.4	241.7	244.3
Canadian Farm Products	218.0	219.1	219.0	219.9		222.3	218.3	219.3
Field	180.3	180.5	181.4	181.9		173.6	180.5	181.3
Animal.....	255.8	257.7	256.6	257.8		271.0	256.2	257.4

- (1) - All 1960 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.
(P) - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 94 common stocks advanced in each of (1935-1939 = 100)

the four weeks from April 28th to May 26th for a total gain of 3.7 per cent. Among major groups a similar pattern was evident for 73 Industrials, up 4.4 per cent, and 7 Banks, up 2.9 per cent, while 14 Utilities recovered from weakness in the second week of the month for a total net increase of 0.4 per cent. Gains for 9 sub-groups ranged from 0.8 to 7.8 per cent, led by Machinery and Equipment, 7.8 per cent from 665.9 to 717.7, Industrial Mines, 7.2 per cent from 204.5 to 219.2, Pulp and Paper, 7.0 per cent from 1,090.5 to 1,167.1, and Milling and Grain 6.1 per cent, from 179.2 to 190.2. Three sub-groups moved slightly lower, as follows: Telephones 119.9 to 118.6, Food and Allied Products 226.6 to 225.6 and Transportation 303.9 to 303.4.

The index of 28 Mining stocks moved up 1.4 per cent in the period under review, reflecting an increase for 6 Base Metals of 6.0 per cent which was partially balanced by a decline of 3.1 per cent for 22 Gold stocks.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Apr. 28th	May 5th	May 12th	May 19th	May 26th	May 1959	Apr. 1960	May 1960
Investors Price Index								
94 Common Stocks	244.4	245.5	246.5	251.4	253.4	267.2	248.8	249.2
73 Industrials.....	251.6	252.5	254.1	260.3	262.6	271.5	256.7	257.4
14 Utilities.....	187.4	189.0	187.3	188.0	188.1	204.3	188.2	188.1
7 Banks	303.8	306.3	307.8	308.8	312.5	370.4	309.1	308.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
28 Stocks.....	97.6	97.7	96.9	98.3	99.0	119.5	105.1	98.0
22 Golds	70.3	69.2	66.3	67.4	68.1	87.0	78.4	67.8
6 Base Metals	160.2	163.0	167.0	168.9	169.8	194.0	166.4	167.2



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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 per cent from 127.4 to 127.6 between May and June 1960. At the beginning of June 1959 the index stood at 125.9.

In the current period, an increase of 0.5 per cent in the Food Index combined with fractional gains in the Shelter, Clothing, and Other Commodities and Services groups, accounted for all of the upward movement in the total index. The Household Operation index declined fractionally.

The Food index moved from 120.2 to 120.8 as higher prices were recorded for most fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly apples, cabbage, tomatoes and potatoes, and for most meats. Price declines were generally limited to eggs and butter.

The Shelter index increased 0.2 per cent from 143.5 to 143.8 as both the rent and home-ownership components were higher. A rise of 0.1 per cent in the Clothing index, from 110.8 to 110.9, reflected some price increases from sales levels of previous months and higher prices for other items, including men's work trousers and oxfords.

Lower prices for coal and fuel oil combined with sale prices for furniture to offset higher prices for textiles and household utensils, and the Household Operation index declined 0.1 per cent from 123.1 to 123.0.

A rise of 0.1 per cent in the Other Commodities and Services index, from 137.6 to 137.7, resulted from higher prices for gasoline, train fares, pharmaceuticals and some personal care items.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
June 1960	127.6	120.8	143.8	110.9	123.0	137.7
May 1960	127.4	120.2	143.5	110.8	123.1	137.6
June 1959	125.9	119.1	141.5	109.2	122.5	135.4

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY) The wholesale price index of thirty industrial
(1935-1939 = 100)

materials eased 0.5 per cent in the three-week period May 27th to June 17th. Moderately lower prices were recorded for beef hides, steel scrap, raw sugar and linseed oil, while six commodities showed fractional declines. Hog prices were substantially higher and a small increase was reported for oats.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets rose 0.8 per cent in the period under review. For Animal Products the index gain of 1.5 per cent reflected increases for hogs, both East and West, which were partially offset by lower prices for eggs, lambs and calves, and in the East for poultry and raw wool. The Field Products index edged lower, from 185.1 to 184.8, as declines reported for Western hay, rye and flax, and Eastern rye, peas and barley were almost balanced by increases for Western potatoes and Eastern corn. Regional index changes were as follows: Western, up 0.9 per cent from 194.3 to 196.0 and Eastern, up 0.8 per cent from 251.5 to 253.5.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 27th	June 3rd	June 10th	June 17th	June 24th	June 1959	May 1960	June (P) 1960
Industrial Materials.....	244.4	243.6	243.9	243.3	NOT AVAILABLE	241.7	243.2	243.6
Canadian Farm Products	222.9	223.1	224.5	224.7		228.0	220.0	224.1
Field	185.1	187.2	186.4	184.8		185.5	182.3	186.1
Animal.....	260.7	258.9	262.6	264.6		270.6	257.8	262.0

- (1) - All 1960 indexes are subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1959 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.
(P) - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 93 common stock prices touched 254.2 (1935-1939 = 100)

in the week of June 9th, its highest level since February 4th.

Subsequent weakness, however, lowered the index to 249.4 by June 23rd for a net loss of 1.6 per cent compared to the May 26th index of 253.4. Among major groups, a decline of 2.2 per cent for 72 Industrials over the three weeks was partially offset by increases of 1.3 per cent for 7 Banks and 0.3 per cent for 14 Utilities. Declines for nine sub-groups were headed by Machinery and Equipment, down 4.7 per cent from 717.7 to 683.7, Building Materials, down 3.9 per cent from 467.2 to 449.1, and Textiles and Clothing, down 3.3 per cent from 193.8 to 187.5. Three sub-groups showed small increases: Power and Traction, Food and Allied Products, and Telephones.

The index of 28 Mining stocks moved down 3.9 per cent in the same period, reflecting losses of 6.8 per cent for 22 Golds and 1.5 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 26th	June 2nd	June 9th	June 16th	June 23rd	June 1959	May 1960	(P) June 1960
Investors Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	253.4	252.7	254.2	251.0	249.4	269.5	249.2	251.8
72 Industrials.....	262.6	261.0	261.5	257.7	256.7	274.4	257.4	259.2
14 Utilities.....	188.1	190.2	194.7	191.3	188.7	201.6	188.1	191.2
7 Banks	312.5	314.9	319.5	322.7	316.7	379.0	308.8	318.4
Mining Stock Price Index								
28 Stocks.....	99.0	97.6	97.8	95.6	95.1	119.4	98.0	96.5
22 Golds	68.1	66.9	65.7	64.1	63.5	87.0	67.8	65.0
6 Base Metals	169.8	167.8	171.3	167.7	167.3	193.4	167.2	168.5

(P) - Preliminary, average of four weeks.

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JULY 1960

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The Consumer Price Index declined 0.1 per cent from 127.6 to 127.5 between the beginning of June and July 1960. A year ago the index stood at 125.9. The current month's movement was due to lower indexes for Food, Clothing and Other Commodities and Services. The Household Operation index was unchanged while the Shelter index was up fractionally. The July indexes reflect the effect of changes in provincial sales taxes in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

The Food index moved from 120.8 to 120.5, a decrease of 0.2 per cent over the month, to stand slightly above the July 1959 level of 119.2. Lower prices were reported for potatoes, tomatoes, bananas and cabbage. Meats were generally higher while egg prices rose from 47 to 52 cents per dozen.

The Shelter Index increased 0.1 per cent from 143.8 to 143.9 as rents were unchanged but the home-ownership component moved higher.

The Clothing index edged downward 0.1 per cent from 110.9 to 110.8 in response to sale prices for women's spring coats, cotton piece goods and some price decreases for items of men's clothing.

The Household Operation index was unchanged at 123.0 as higher prices for coal, electricity, some new models of appliances, household supplies and utensils and equipment, were balanced by sale prices for furniture and lower prices for fuel oil and some appliances.

Lower prices for new passenger cars, gasoline and radios offset higher prices for newspapers and phonograph records and the Other Commodities and Services index declined 0.1 per cent from 137.7 to 137.6.

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Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
July 1960	127.5	120.5	143.9	110.8	123.0	137.6
June 1960	127.6	120.8	143.8	110.9	123.0	137.7
July 1959	125.9	119.2	141.7	109.7	122.7	134.9

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939=100)

The index of 30 industrial material prices, continuing the slight weakness noted since May, eased

0.7 per cent in the 3-week period June 30th to July 22nd. Recorded price changes included losses for 11 items, led by raw rubber, beef hides, sisal, domestic lead and raw wool, and gains for 6 items including raw sugar, cottonseed oil, oats and tin. With this latest decline, the price of beef hides has reached its lowest point since September 1958.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets decreased 4.0 per cent in the period under review. The Field Products index fell 9.1 per cent reflecting declines of 18.7 per cent in the East and 1.1 per cent in the West. Chiefly responsible for the decline were sharply lower prices for potatoes, Eastern wheat and oats, and Western hay. Other Eastern grains were slightly higher. The Animal Products index eased 0.6 per cent, reflecting price declines for lambs, calves, raw wool and hogs in the West, and for eggs, poultry, calves and hogs on Eastern markets. Price increases were registered for lambs and cheesemilk in the East and for eggs and steers in the West. Regional index declines were as follows: Eastern, 6.5 per cent from 256.6 to 240.0, and Western, 0.8 per cent from 198.6 to 197.0.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 30th	July 8th	July 15th	July 22nd	July 29th	July 1959	June 1960	July (P) 1960
Industrial Materials.....	242.6	241.4	241.3	241.0	NOT AVAILABLE	240.3	242.2	241.2
Canadian Farm Products	227.6	224.4	224.4	218.5		228.9	225.1	222.4
Field	183.2	179.7	178.0	166.5		185.0	185.2	174.7
Animal.....	272.0	269.0	270.8	270.5		272.8	265.0	270.1

- (1) - All 1960 indexes are subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1959 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.
(P) - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

The Investors Index of 93 common stock prices, 1935-1939 = 100, declined 3.6 per cent in the four-week period June 30th to July 28th.

Losses for the three major group indexes were: 72 Industrials, 4.2 per cent; 7 Banks 1.5 per cent and 14 Utilities, 1.3 per cent. Declines for eleven sub-groups were led by Building Materials, down 6.2 per cent from 438.3 to 411.2; Machinery and Equipment, down 6.0 per cent from 659.2 to 619.5; and Industrial Mines, down 5.8 per cent from 218.8 to 206.1. Telephones moved up 1.1 per cent from 120.4 to 121.7.

The index of 28 Mining Stock prices, 1935-1939 = 100, was unchanged at 94.1 over the period reviewed, although minor gains occurred earlier in the month. For 22 Golds, the index eased 0.9 per cent while for 6 Base Metals the index rose 0.9 per cent.

Four indexes on the base 1956 equals 100, shown below, were introduced with the May issue of Prices and Price Indexes. Historical monthly and annual indexes from 1956, and a list of included stocks and weights, can be found on pages 30 and 33 respectively of that issue. In the four-week period here reviewed, three indexes showed declines, as follows: Pipelines, 0.9 per cent; Investment and Loan, 0.8 per cent, and Primary Oils and Gas, 2.9 per cent. Uranium stocks showed modest strength, rising 3.6 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 30th	July 7th	July 14th	July 21st	July 28th	July 1959	June 1960	July 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	247.5	248.2	245.1	242.2	238.7	279.3	251.0	243.6
72 Industrials	254.6	255.4	251.9	247.9	243.9	286.2	258.3	249.8
14 Utilities	188.1	187.6	188.5	187.4	185.7	203.0	190.6	187.3
7 Banks	314.5	316.1	308.3	311.8	309.8	387.5	317.7	311.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
28 Stocks	94.1	96.3	96.9	94.6	94.1	120.6	96.0	95.5
22 Golds	64.1	64.8	65.6	64.8	63.5	87.3	64.9	64.7
6 Base Metals	162.7	168.5	168.5	162.9	164.2	196.9	167.4	166.0
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	96.1	98.8	96.6	94.9	95.2	121.4	99.5	96.4
5 Investment and loan	118.7	118.9	119.4	120.8	117.8	134.9	119.9	119.2
7 Uraniums	53.3	55.5	54.7	56.2	55.2	88.8	53.9	55.4
9 Primary Oil and Gas	42.0	43.9	42.3	41.7	40.8	77.7	44.6	42.2



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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

index stood at 126.4.

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.3 per cent from 127.5 to 127.9 between July and August 1960. A year ago the

The current movement was due largely to a 1.0 per cent increase in the Food index from 120.5 to 121.7 which approximated the usual July-August seasonal increase. The Shelter, Household Operation, and Other Commodities and Services indexes all edged up a fractional 0.1 per cent, with the Clothing index down 0.5 per cent.

In foods, higher prices were reported for eggs, beef, pork, bananas and oranges, with most domestic fruits and vegetables showing substantial seasonal declines.

The Shelter index moved from 143.9 to 144.0 with rents unchanged but the home-ownership component, reflecting 1960 property tax changes, moving to higher levels.

The Clothing index declined from 110.8 to 110.3, as mid-summer sale prices for women's and children's wear and some footwear, offset scattered price increases for cotton dress prints, boys' trousers and men's pyjamas.

The Household Operation index edged up to 123.1 from 123.0 on the strength of price increases for coal, linoleum, textiles and household supplies. Fuel oil prices were lower and August furniture sales were in evidence on a number of furniture items.

The Other Commodities and Services index increased from 137.6 to 137.7 as higher prices were reported for gasoline, taxi fares, some rail fares, newspapers and personal care items. The drug index was lower as substantial price decreases occurred on penicillin prescriptions.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
August 1960	127.9	121.7	144.0	110.3	123.1	137.7
July 1960	127.5	120.5	143.9	110.8	123.0	137.6
August 1959	126.4	120.5	141.9	109.7	122.6	135.3

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 industrial materials prices, again slightly weaker in August, eased 0.2 per cent over the three weeks July 29th to August 19th. Decreases occurred for 11 items led by raw rubber, fir timber, linseed oil, hogs, raw cotton and tin, while a sharp rise for rosin was followed by small increases for beef hides, oats and steers.

In the same period, the index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved 0.9 per cent lower. For Field Products the 4.0 per cent index decline reflected losses of 8.7 per cent in the East and 0.7 in the West. Potato prices fell sharply and small losses occurred for Western rye and Eastern oats, while Eastern corn, peas and barley showed slight gains. The Animal Products index rose 1.0 per cent reflecting price gains for eggs, chiefly in the East, and for steers and calves, which were largely offset by declines for hogs, both East and West, lambs and poultry in the East, and fluid milk in the West. Regional index declines were: Eastern 1.6 per cent from 238.5 to 234.7, and Western 0.1 per cent from 197.4 to 197.3.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 29th	Aug. 5th	Aug. 12th	Aug. 19th	Aug. 26th	Aug. 1959	July 1960	Aug. 1960 (P)
Industrial Materials.....	241.9	241.2	242.1	241.3	NOT AVAILABLE	242.6	240.5	241.5
Canadian Farm Products	217.9	216.2	216.1	216.0		222.0	221.8	216.1
Field	166.4	162.7	161.1	159.8		169.1	173.6	161.2
Animal.....	269.5	269.8	271.1	272.2		274.9	270.1	271.0

- (1) - All 1960 indexes are subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1959 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.
(P) - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

The Investors Index of 93 common stock prices,

1935-1939 = 100, advanced 7.5 per cent in the four-week period July 28th to August 25th. Increases for major groups were: 7 Banks 8.1 per cent, 72 Industrials 7.8 per cent, and 14 Utilities 5.5 per cent. Eleven sub-group gains were led by Oils, up 13.0 per cent from 159.0 to 179.7; Milling and Grains, up 10.0 per cent from 181.1 to 199.2; and Machinery and Equipment, up 9.1 per cent from 619.5 to 676.0. One sub-group, Textiles and Clothing, moved against the trend to show a decline of 1.7 per cent from 182.9 to 179.8.

The index of 27 Mining stocks moved up 10.2 per cent in the period under review, reflecting increases of 14.3 per cent for 21 Golds, and 6.5 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

Four supplementary indexes on the base 1956 = 100 showed gains in the same period, as follows: Primary Oils and Gas, 12.3 per cent, Pipelines 10.4 per cent, Investment and Loan 7.6 per cent, and Uraniums 1.6 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 28th	Aug. 4th	Aug. 11th	Aug. 18th	Aug. 25th	Aug. 1959	July 1960	Aug. 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	238.7	239.9	247.5	253.0	256.7	274.6	243.6	249.3
72 Industrials	243.9	244.9	253.9	259.4	263.0	282.0	249.8	255.3
14 Utilities	185.7	187.2	190.9	192.5	196.0	199.8	187.3	191.6
7 Banks	309.8	311.9	314.9	329.7	335.0	373.7	311.5	322.9
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	94.1	100.4	99.9	101.5	103.7	119.8	95.5	101.4
21 Golds	63.5	72.6	69.9	70.6	72.6	86.1	64.7	71.4
6 Base Metals	164.2	164.1	168.6	172.1	174.9	196.9	166.0	169.9
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	95.2	94.1	99.1	100.7	105.1	120.7	96.4	99.8
5 Investment and loan	117.8	119.0	122.6	125.0	126.7	134.7	119.2	123.3
7 Uraniums	55.2	54.7	54.7	54.9	56.1	84.3	55.4	55.1
9 Primary Oil and Gas	40.8	40.4	46.6	44.8	45.8	77.4	42.2	44.4



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 1960

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The Consumer Price Index rose to 128.4 at the beginning of September, 0.4 per cent above the August index of 127.9. The increase was largely seasonal, with a 1.3 per cent increase in the Food index during the month but only fractional changes in the other four component indexes. The September 1960 index was 1.0 per cent above the September 1959 index of 127.1.

The Food index at 123.3 was 1.3 per cent above the August index of 121.7 and 0.7 per cent above the September 1959 index of 122.4. Egg prices increased fifteen per cent over the month to sixty-five cents per dozen, about average for this month in previous years. Higher prices were also reported for fats, oranges, some beef cuts, bacon and canned salmon. Prices for most fresh fruits and vegetables moved lower and decreases were appreciable for tomatoes, potatoes and apples.

The Shelter index rose 0.1 per cent from 144.0 to 144.2 with both the rent and home-ownership components contributing to this movement.

The Clothing index increased 0.2 per cent from 110.3 to 110.5 as a result of scattered and minor price increases in men's wear as well as some items of women's wear and footwear which moved up from sales levels of previous months.

The Household Operation index edged up 0.2 per cent from 123.1 to 123.3, reflecting price changes for furniture and floor coverings up from earlier sales levels, and price increases for coal and some utensils and household equipment. Most household supplies were somewhat lower but laundry rates increased.

The Other Commodities and Services index declined 0.1 per cent from 137.7 to 137.6 as a result of seasonally lower prices on 1960 model cars which more than counterbalanced price increases for tires, automobile repairs, lubrication and batteries. Lower prices occurred for brake relining and with local price wars in several cities, gasoline prices also decreased.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
September 1960	128.4	123.3	144.2	110.5	123.3	137.6
August 1960	127.9	121.7	144.0	110.3	123.1	137.7
September 1959	127.1	122.4	142.0	109.8	123.1	135.2

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)⁽¹⁾
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 industrial materials eased 0.2 per cent in the four-week period August 26th to September 23rd, and at 241.9 was 1.0 per cent below the index of 244.3 for the same week a year ago. Commodities registering declines were linseed oil, domestic zinc and copper, fir timber, and raw sugar; increases reported included sisal, raw rubber, hogs, beef hides and oats.

In the same period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets edged up 0.7 per cent reflecting offsetting price changes within both major groups. The Field Products index gained 0.8 per cent as advances for rye and potatoes in the East and rye in the West were almost balanced by lower prices for flaxseed and potatoes in the West and for peas and corn in the East. For Animal Products the index moved up 0.8 per cent. Eggs, hogs and calves showed price increases while lambs and wool, both East and West, poultry in the East and steers in the West registered declines. Regional index gains were as follows: Eastern 1.2 per cent from 234.4 to 237.3, and Western 0.2 per cent from 198.0 to 198.3.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average			(P)
	Aug. 26th	Sept. 2nd	Sept. 9th	Sept. 16th	Sept. 23rd	Sept. 1959	Aug. 1960	Sept. 1960	
Industrial Materials.....	242.3	242.0	241.8	242.1	241.9	243.7	240.8	242.0	
Canadian Farm Products	216.2	214.7	216.6	216.4	217.8	219.1	216.2	216.4	
Field	159.5	158.9	159.6	160.1	160.7	161.1	160.6	159.8	
Animal.....	272.9	270.4	273.6	272.7	275.0	277.0	271.7	272.9	

- (1) - All 1960 indexes are subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1959 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.
- (P) - Preliminary, average of four weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 93 common stock prices, 1935-1939 = 100, declined 4.8 per cent in the four-week period August 25th to September 22nd. Losses for major groups were: 72 Industrials 5.5 per cent, 14 Utilities 2.8 per cent, and 7 Banks 2.6 per cent. Ten sub-groups registered declines, led by Industrial Mines down 10.2 per cent from 220.8 to 198.3, Transportation down 6.1 per cent from 293.2 to 275.2, Machinery and Equipment down 5.9 per cent from 676.0 to 635.9, and Oils down 5.4 per cent from 179.7 to 170.0. Two sub-groups moved against the trend to show small increases: Textiles and Clothing, up 3.0 per cent from 179.8 to 185.2, and Milling and Grains, up 1.4 per cent from 199.2 to 202.0.

The index of 27 Mining stocks moved down 1.0 per cent in the period under review reflecting a decrease of 2.9 per cent for 6 Base Metals which was partially offset by an increase of 1.1 per cent for 21 Gold stocks.

In the same period, two of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956 = 100 showed declines: Pipelines, 2.0 per cent and Primary Oils and Gas, 0.9 per cent; while Uraniums, and Investment and Loan rose 1.8 and 0.2 per cent respectively.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average			(P)
	Aug. 25th	Sept. 1st	Sept. 8th	Sept. 15th	Sept. 22nd	Sept. 1959	Aug. 1960	Sept. 1960	
(1935 - 1939 = 100)									
Investors Price Index									
93 Common Stocks	256.7	257.8	252.7	250.3	244.3	255.4	249.3	251.3	
72 Industrials	263.0	263.9	258.5	256.2	248.6	261.6	255.3	256.8	
14 Utilities	196.0	195.2	194.1	191.3	190.5	188.9	191.6	192.8	
7 Banks	335.0	342.0	330.8	328.8	326.2	347.6	322.9	332.0	
Mining Stock Price Index									
27 Stocks	103.7	105.0	103.7	104.9	102.7	111.5	101.4	104.1	
21 Golds	72.6	73.2	72.4	73.9	73.4	82.0	71.4	73.2	
6 Base Metals	174.9	177.7	175.5	175.9	169.8	179.2	169.9	174.7	
(1956 = 100)									
5 Pipelines	105.1	109.9	108.1	106.0	103.0	109.6	99.8	106.8	
5 Investment and loan	126.7	130.5	130.8	128.3	126.9	123.0	123.3	129.1	
7 Uraniums	56.1	56.6	56.9	57.7	57.1	71.5	55.1	57.1	
9 Primary Oil and Gas	45.8	46.6	47.9	46.9	45.4	66.7	44.4	46.7	

(P) Preliminary: average of four weeks.

**PRICE MOVEMENTS**

OCTOBER 1960

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.8 per cent from 128.4 to 129.4 between September and October 1960. All five group indexes contributed to this movement but a further seasonal increase of 2.0 per cent in foods accounted for most of it. Increases in the other four group indexes averaged 0.2 per cent. The October index of 129.4 stood 1.1 per cent above the October 1959 level of 128.0.

The rise in the Food index from 123.3 to 125.8 was largely seasonal and this movement placed the October 1960 index 1.3 per cent above the October 1959 level of 124.2. Price increases between September and October were reported for eggs, bananas, citrus fruits, tomatoes and most meats. Price declines were generally limited to apples, lamb, veal and domestically grown vegetables.

The Shelter index increased fractionally from 144.2 to 144.3 with both the rent and home-ownership components edging up.

The Clothing index rose 0.6 per cent, from 110.5 to 111.2, largely reflecting prices of new season's lines of winter clothing up from last season's year-end levels. Women's and girls' winter coats were particularly affected in these price changes.

The Household Operation index increased from 123.3 to 123.5, a rise of 0.2 per cent. Furniture prices moved up from previous months' sales levels while higher prices were reported for coal and some household supplies and services. Appliance prices continued to drift to lower levels as both current and new season's models reflected this movement.

The Other Commodities and Services index increased a fractional 0.1 per cent from 137.6 to 137.8 as fees were higher for doctors' and dentists' services and premiums for prepaid health care increased in some regions.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
October 1960	129.4	125.8	144.3	111.2	123.5	137.8
September 1960	128.4	123.3	144.2	110.5	123.3	137.6
October 1959	128.0	124.2	142.4	110.5	123.4	135.5

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY) (1)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 industrial materials moved down 1.2 per cent from 241.7 to 238.8 in the three-week period September 30th to October 21st. Eleven commodities registered declines, led by hogs, fir timber, domestic copper, raw rubber, steers, raw wool, and beef hides. Cottonseed oil rose slightly. Compared to the same week a year ago, when the index stood at 243.0, prices were substantially lower for raw wool, linseed oil, beef hides and fir timber; rosin, sisal and hogs showed major gains.

The price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets eased 1.2 per cent in the same period reflecting price changes which were for the most part minor. In Animal Products, for which the index declined 2.1 per cent, lower prices were reported for hogs, for steers in the East, and for eggs, raw wool and lambs in the West. For Field Products the index edged up 0.3 per cent reflecting in the East a higher price for oats, followed by lesser gains for peas, wheat and hay, and lower prices for corn in the East and rye in the West. Regional indexes declined: The Eastern index moved down 1.8 per cent from 239.2 to 235.0 and the Western index 0.7 per cent from 196.9 to 195.5.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average			(P)
	Sept. 30th	Oct. 7th	Oct. 14th	Oct. 21st		Oct. 1959	Sept. 1960	Oct. 1960	
Industrial Materials.....	241.7	241.3	240.4	238.8	NOT AVAILABLE	242.0	241.0	240.2	
Canadian Farm Products	218.0	215.8	216.1	215.3		215.5	217.0	215.7	
Field	161.5	161.3	161.9	162.0		163.1	160.4	161.7	
Animal.....	274.5	270.3	270.2	268.6		267.9	273.6	269.7	

(1) - All 1960 indexes are subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1959 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.

(P) - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

The Investors Index of 93 common stock prices, on the base 1935-1939 = 100, edged 0.2 per cent higher in the four-week period September 29th to October 27th. Among the major groups 72 Industrials showed a gain of 0.4 per cent, while 7 Banks and 14 Utilities declined 0.7 and 0.5 per cent respectively. Sub-group gains were led by Milling and Grains, up 2.5 per cent from 198.2 to 203.1, Machinery and Equipment 2.2 per cent from 612.7 to 626.3, and Food and Allied Products 1.6 per cent from 240.4 to 244.2. Declines for sub-groups were led by a drop of 4.9 per cent for Transportation from 268.0 to 255.0, its lowest level since January 1954, and 2.3 per cent for Textiles and Clothing from 174.9 to 170.9.

The index of 27 Mining stocks advanced 3.4 per cent in the same period reflecting a sharp rise of 7.4 per cent for 21 Golds and a fractional loss of 0.6 per cent for 6 Base Metals. Both groups were high in the third week; for Golds the index touched its highest level since August 1959.

In the same period, two of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956 = 100 showed gains: Pipelines, 3.7 per cent, and Uraniums, 2.0 per cent; while Investment and Loan, and Primary Oils and Gas declined 2.8 and 1.4 per cent respectively.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Sept. 29th	Oct. 6th	Oct. 13th	Oct. 20th	Oct. 27th	Oct. 1959	Sept. 1960	Oct. 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	239.4	241.5	243.0	242.4	239.8	252.5	248.9	241.7
72 Industrials	243.6	246.1	248.1	247.2	244.5	257.4	254.2	246.5
14 Utilities	187.2	189.2	188.1	187.8	186.3	187.3	191.7	187.8
7 Banks	318.7	317.5	319.1	321.2	316.6	354.7	329.3	318.6
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	103.8	105.3	103.3	113.7	107.3	112.2	104.0	107.4
21 Golds	74.8	77.1	75.2	87.1	80.3	82.7	73.5	79.9
6 Base Metals	170.1	169.7	167.7	174.7	169.0	179.9	173.8	170.3
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	102.9	105.0	106.2	104.9	106.7	115.4	106.0	105.7
5 Investment and loan	124.3	123.2	123.6	124.9	120.8	118.1	128.2	123.1
7 Uraniums	58.8	58.9	58.3	60.7	60.0	73.9	57.4	59.5
9 Primary Oil and Gas	43.9	44.7	44.0	44.3	43.3	61.0	46.1	44.1



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

NOVEMBER 1960

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The Consumer Price Index edged up 0.2 per cent from 129.4 (1949=100) to 129.6 between October and November 1960. A year ago, the index stood at 128.3.

In the current period, increases in the Clothing, Shelter, and Other Commodities and Services indexes offset a decrease in the Food index. The Household Operation index was unchanged.

The Food index dropped 0.2 per cent from 125.8 to 125.5. Lower prices were reported for beef, fresh pork, veal, lamb, chicken, grapefruit and bananas. Prices were higher for eggs and a number of fresh vegetables.

The Shelter index rose a fractional 0.1 per cent from 144.3 to 144.5. Rents were unchanged but prices of some items of home-ownership were up slightly.

A rise of 1.2 per cent in the Clothing index, from 111.2 to 112.5, reflected changes between November prices and prices in effect at the end of the last winter season for winter clothing items, including men's overcoats, women's fur coats, boys' parkas and women's overshoes.

The Household Operation index was unchanged at 123.5. Scattered and minor sale price decreases were reported for a number of furniture items and floor coverings, as well as lower prices for fuel oil and some household utensils and equipment. These changes just balanced higher prices for coal and a number of textile items.

The Other Commodities and Services index rose 0.4 per cent from 137.8 to 138.3. Initial pricing of 1961 model passenger cars showed prices up 4.9 per cent from the year-end prices (September, 1960) of 1960 models but 6.1 per cent below the initial pricing (November, 1959) of 1960 models. Higher prices were recorded for theatre admissions, film, men's haircuts and women's hairdressing. Price declines were generally limited to several prescription drug items and personal care supplies, including shaving cream, toilet soap, toothpaste and cleansing tissues.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
November 1960	129.6	125.5	144.5	112.5	123.5	138.3
October 1960	129.4	125.8	144.3	111.2	123.5	137.8
November 1959	128.3	123.8	142.6	111.4	123.5	136.9

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY) ⁽¹⁾
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 industrial materials eased 0.3 per cent in the three-week period October 28th

to November 18th. Declines occurred for six commodities: oats, bleached sulphite pulp, linseed oil, fir timber, steel scrap, and raw rubber. These were sufficient to offset a sharp rise for raw wool and lesser increases for beef hides, hogs, steers, raw cotton, and sisal.

The index of Canadian Primary Farm Products at terminal markets moved up 0.7 per cent in the same period, from 214.7 to 216.2. The Animal Products index increased 1.1 per cent reflecting higher prices in the East for livestock, poultry and butterfat, and in the West for raw wool, hogs and calves. Prices were lower for eggs, raw wool in the East and lambs in the West. The Field Products index remained unchanged at 161.6 as offsetting price changes were reported. Showing higher were potatoes, wheat and hay in the East and potatoes in the West. Lower in price were flax and rye in the West and rye, barley, corn and tobacco in the East. Regional indexes were both higher, the Eastern rising 1.2 per cent from 234.2 to 236.9 and the Western fractionally up from 195.3 to 195.5.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 28th	Nov. 4th	Nov. 11th	Nov. 18th	Nov. 25th	Nov. 1959	Oct. 1960	Nov. (P) 1960
Industrial Materials.....	237.7	236.2	236.3	237.0	NOT AVAILABLE	240.8	238.5	236.5
Canadian Farm Products	214.7	214.6	215.8	216.2		217.2	215.5	215.5
Field	161.6	161.4	161.8	161.6		165.2	161.7	161.6
Animal.....	267.8	267.8	269.7	270.8		269.1	269.4	269.4

- (1) - All 1960 indexes are subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1959 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.
(P) - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 93 common stock prices, on the base 1935-1939 = 100, advanced 5.4 per cent in the four-week period October 27th to November 24th. Increases for major groups were: 72 Industrials, 6.6 per cent; 7 Banks, 3.0 per cent; and 14 Utilities, 0.5 per cent. Eleven sub-group gains were led by Industrial Mines, up 11.9 per cent from 195.9 to 219.2; Oils, up 9.3 per cent from 166.9 to 182.5; Textiles and Clothing up 7.5 per cent from 170.9 to 183.8; and Beverages, up 6.4 per cent from 637.6 to 678.6. One sub-group, Power and Traction, moved against the trend to show a small decline of 0.5 per cent from 192.2 to 191.3.

The index of 27 Mining stocks rose 2.8 per cent in the period under review, reflecting increases of 4.9 per cent for 6 Base Metals, and 1.0 per cent for 21 Golds.

In the same period, three of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956 = 100 showed gains as follows: Uraniums, 3.7 per cent; Investment and Loan, 3.2 per cent; and Pipelines, 0.3 per cent; while Primary Oils and Gas declined 4.6 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 27th	Nov. 3rd	Nov. 10th	Nov. 17th	Nov. 24th	Nov. 1959	Oct. 1960	Nov. 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	239.8	245.7	253.0	253.0	252.8	252.8	241.7	251.1
72 Industrials	244.5	251.8	259.7	259.8	260.7	259.2	246.5	258.0
14 Utilities	186.3	186.8	189.5	189.2	187.3	186.9	187.8	188.2
7 Banks	316.6	321.9	333.7	332.3	326.0	342.5	318.6	328.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	107.3	112.1	111.4	107.2	110.3	112.6	107.4	110.2
21 Golds	80.3	84.4	82.3	76.8	81.1	82.6	79.9	81.2
6 Base Metals	169.0	175.5	178.1	176.7	177.3	181.3	170.3	176.9
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	106.7	109.2	112.2	110.3	107.0	116.8	105.7	109.7
5 Investment and loan	120.8	120.7	125.3	124.7	124.7	120.4	123.1	123.8
7 Uraniums	60.0	61.4	62.0	62.3	62.2	68.1	59.5	62.0
9 Primary Oil and Gas	43.3	43.9	43.8	43.2	41.3	59.8	44.1	43.0

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

DECEMBER 1960

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged at 129.6 between November and December 1960. A year ago, the index stood at 127.9. Over the year 1960, the index averaged 128.0, 1.2 per cent above the 1959 level of 126.5.

In the current period, little or no change occurred in the five group indexes. The food index declined 0.2 per cent, the household operation, and other commodities and services indexes both were unchanged, with the shelter and clothing indexes up a fractional 0.1 per cent.

The food index decreased from 125.5 to 125.3 as egg prices declined six cents per dozen to sixty-two cents and lower prices were reported for most cuts of beef, veal, lettuce, grapefruit and a number of domestically grown vegetables. Price increases occurred for a number of items including oranges, apples, fresh tomatoes, pork and chicken.

The shelter index increased from 144.5 to 144.6. The rent component was unchanged for the third successive month but price increases occurred for several items of home-ownership.

The fractional rise in the Clothing index, from 112.5 to 112.6, reflected a scatter of minor price increases in men's clothing, including shirts, hats and overalls, combined with somewhat higher prices for children's wear. Prices for women's clothing were slightly lower as fur coat prices eased. Footwear prices were unchanged with higher prices for men's work boots balancing lower prices for women's overshoes. Piece good prices showed no change.

The Household Operation index was unchanged at 123.5 for the third successive month, with price decreases for fuel oil offsetting minor price increases for some items of furniture, floor coverings, household supplies, utensils and equipment, and services.

The Other Commodities and Services index, unchanged at 138.3, reflected changes limited to higher prices for toilet soap and lower prices for gasoline and bicycles.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
December 1960	129.6	125.3	144.6	112.6	123.5	138.3
November 1960	129.6	125.5	144.5	112.5	123.5	138.3
December 1959	127.9	122.4	142.7	111.4	123.7	136.9

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)⁽¹⁾
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 industrial materials again eased 0.3 per cent in the 4-week period November 25th to December 23rd for a total decline of 3.0 per cent from the May index of 243.2. With minor interruptions, the decline has been continuous over this 7-month period. Commodities registering declines over the four weeks were unbleached sulphite pulp, steel scrap, raw wool, domestic zinc, crude oil, and steel sheets. Price increases were recorded for 12 commodities, including steers, hogs, bituminous coal, sisal, iron ore, bleached sulphite pulp, and raw rubber. Weakness in the Canadian dollar compared to the United States dollar was reflected in higher prices for commodities entering foreign trade.

In the same 4-week period, the index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 1.0 per cent. The Animal Products index increased 1.2 per cent reflecting higher prices for livestock on both Eastern and Western markets; for poultry in the East and fluid milk in the West. Eggs dropped sharply lower, while raw wool also declined. The Field Products index moved up 0.7 per cent. Showing higher were potatoes, flax and rye in the West, and corn, potatoes, peas, and wheat in the East. Regional indexes both advanced: the Eastern rising 1.3 per cent from 240.0 to 243.1 and the Western up 0.7 per cent from 197.9 to 199.2.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average			(P)
	Nov. 25th	Dec. 2nd	Dec. 9th	Dec. 16th	Dec. 23rd	Dec. 1959	Nov. 1960	Dec. 1960	
Industrial Materials.....	236.9	236.9	236.8	235.9	236.1	241.9	236.0	236.4	
Canadian Farm Products	218.9	219.4	219.6	220.5	221.1	215.0	216.5	220.2	
Field	161.8	162.6	162.4	162.8	162.9	166.9	161.7	162.7	
Animal.....	276.0	276.2	276.8	278.3	279.4	263.1	271.2	277.7	

(1) - All 1960 indexes are subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1959 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.

(P) - Preliminary, average of four weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 93 common stock prices, on the base 1935-1939 = 100, advanced 4.5 per cent in the four-week period November 24th to December 22nd. Increases for major groups were: 7 Banks, 4.8 per cent; 72 Industrials, 4.5 per cent; and 14 Utilities, 4.4 per cent. Eleven sub-group gains were led by Machinery and Equipment, up 8.1 per cent from 645.9 to 698.5; Power and Traction, up 7.3 per cent from 191.3 to 205.2; Industrial Mines, up 5.7 per cent from 219.2 to 231.7; and Food and Allied Products, up 5.6 per cent from 249.4 to 263.4. One sub-group, Textiles and Clothing, moved against the trend to show a small decline of 1.3 per cent from 183.8 to 181.5.

The index of 27 Mining stocks moved down 1.4 per cent in the period under review, reflecting a decrease of 3.8 per cent for 21 Golds which was partially offset by an increase of 1.1 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

In the same period, three of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956 = 100 showed gains as follows: Investment and Loan, 5.5 per cent; Pipelines, 5.0 per cent; and Primary Oils and Gas, 1.2 per cent; while Uraniums declined 3.4 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 24th	Dec. 1st	Dec. 8th	Dec. 15th	Dec. 22nd	Dec. 1959	Nov. 1960	Dec. 1960 (P)
(1935-1939=100)								
Investors Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	252.8	253.3	256.4	259.6	264.2	261.5	251.1	258.4
72 Industrials	260.7	260.6	263.8	267.3	272.4	269.3	258.0	266.0
14 Utilities	187.3	189.7	191.0	192.2	195.6	190.6	188.2	192.1
7 Banks	326.0	327.6	333.4	338.2	341.8	347.2	328.5	335.2
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	110.3	109.2	107.3	106.8	108.8	112.8	110.2	108.0
21 Golds	81.1	79.4	77.4	76.3	78.0	82.3	81.2	77.8
6 Base Metals	177.3	177.5	175.9	176.5	179.2	182.8	176.9	177.3
(1956=100)								
5 Pipelines	107.0	107.0	107.3	110.4	112.3	118.8	109.7	109.2
5 Investment and loan	124.7	126.1	127.0	131.6	131.6	122.9	123.8	129.1
7 Uraniums	62.2	61.6	59.7	58.6	60.1	63.2	62.0	60.0
9 Primary Oil and Gas	41.3	40.2	40.5	39.9	41.8	58.1	43.0	40.6

(P) - Preliminary, average of four weeks.



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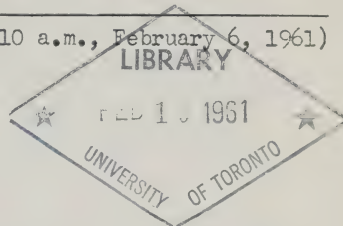
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

JANUARY 1961

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.3 per cent from 129.6 to 129.2 between December 1960 and January 1961. A year ago the index was 127.5.

The current decrease was largely the result of a 0.7 per cent drop in the Food index, combined with declines in the Clothing index and the Household Operation index of 0.9 and 0.2 per cent respectively. The Other Commodities and Services index was unchanged and the Shelter index rose a fractional 0.1 per cent.

The Food index moved from 125.3 to 124.4 as egg and fresh tomato prices were substantially lower and price declines were also reported for citrus fruits, bananas and canned tomatoes. Prices were higher for most other fresh fruits and vegetables, and meats.

The slight rise in the Shelter index, from 144.6 to 144.7, reflected similar movements in both the rent and home-ownership components.

The drop in the Clothing index, from 112.6 to 111.6, reflected widespread January sales affecting in particular, men's overcoats, women's fur and cloth coats, boys' parkas, and girls' winter coats and cotton dresses.

The Household Operation index declined from 123.5 to 123.3 as household appliance prices continued to move downward. Sale prices were still a factor in prices of furniture and textiles, but prices of floor coverings and household supplies and services were at higher levels.

The Other Commodities and Services index was unchanged at 138.3 as slightly lower prices for new passenger cars balanced minor increases for some personal care and recreation items.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
January 1961	129.2	124.4	144.7	111.6	123.3	138.3
December 1960	129.6	125.3	144.6	112.6	123.5	138.3
January 1960	127.5	121.6	142.8	110.2	123.3	136.9

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of 30 industrial materials edged up 0.1 per cent in the three-week period December 30th to January 20th. Commodity price changes included substantial increases for linseed oil and hogs and more modest advances for steers, beef hides and raw sugar. Showing lower were raw wool, raw rubber, domestic copper, rosin and white lead. Compared to the same week a year ago, significant price changes include declines for beef hides, raw rubber, fir timber, steel scrap, raw wool, and increases for hogs and rosin. The index declined 3.5 per cent over the year from 244.7.

In the same three-week period, the index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved up 1.1 per cent. The Animal Products index advanced 1.5 per cent, as prices were higher for hogs on both Eastern and Western markets, poultry and steers in the East, and lambs in the West. Sharp declines occurred for eggs, both East and West, and small decreases were recorded for calves in the East and steers and wool in the West. The index for Field Products moved up 0.4 per cent. Prices were higher for flax and rye in the West, and for oats, wheat and corn in the East, while prices declined for peas in the East and potatoes on both markets.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1961 Week Ended				Monthly Average			
	Dec. 30th	Jan. 6th	Jan. 13th	Jan. 20th	Jan. 27th	Jan. 1960	Dec. 1960	Jan. (P) 1961
Industrial Materials	235.9	237.2	236.5	236.2	NOT AVAILABLE	243.2	235.2	236.6
Canadian Farm Products	219.3	220.6	220.6	221.7		214.7	219.6	221.0
Field	163.1	163.3	163.5	163.7		171.7	162.7	163.5
Animal	275.5	278.0	277.6	279.7		257.7	276.5	278.4
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	240.3	242.8	243.0	244.4		237.4	240.8	243.4
Western Canada	198.3	198.5	198.1	199.0		191.9	198.4	198.5

- (1) - All 1960 indexes are subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1959 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.
(P) - Preliminary, average of three weeks.

A Revised Consumer Price Index (1949 = 100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics announces that a revision of the Consumer Price Index is now nearing completion. The primary purpose of the revision is to bring the items included in the index and their relative importance in line with more current family purchases as reported in a family expenditure survey of 1957. The time base will not be changed and the revised index will continue on the base 1949 = 100. Thus, month to month movements will reflect 1957 rather than 1948 family buying habits, but the index will continue to measure percentage change in prices from 1949. In view of the fact that the 1949 base is being retained, the revision will not affect wage contracts in which escalation is based on the index.

It is expected that the revised Consumer Price Index will be introduced early in April with publication of the March index. With the appearance of the revised index the old series will be discontinued, but the new index will be published for the 4-year period 1957-1960 so that the two series can be compared. A detailed description of the revised index will be published during the latter part of March.

The weights in the revised series will reflect changes in purchases of Canadian families which took place between the years 1948 and 1957. The most significant change which occurred was a decline in the relative importance of food which now takes a smaller portion of the consumer dollar spent for goods and services. On the other hand, there has been an increase in the relative importance of a variety of other commodities and services, particularly the purchase and operation of passenger cars. There has also been a marked shift in the relative positions of coal and fuel oil in family purchases. In addition, some thirty-eight items are being added to the sample of commodities and services priced, while only five items will be dropped. Additions will include such items as frozen foods, restaurant meals, electric frying pans and television sets.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 93 common stock prices, on the base 1935-1939 = 100, advanced 3.9 per cent in the four-week period December 29th to January 26th. Increases for major groups were: 72 Industrials, 4.2 per cent; 14 Utilities, 2.9 per cent; and 7 Banks, 2.8 per cent.

All nine sub-groups within Industrials showed gains over the four-week period with seven sub-groups reaching their monthly high in the third week at which time the Industrials group touched its highest level since July 1957. Gains were led by Machinery and Equipment, up 6.0 per cent from 696.2 to 737.7; Building Materials, up 5.9 per cent from 433.4 to 458.9; Beverages, up 5.1 per cent from 702.3 to 738.0. All sub-groups within the Utilities group were higher over the four weeks.

The index of 27 Mining stocks rose 4.7 per cent in the period under review, reflecting increases of 5.2 per cent for 21 Golds, and 4.2 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

Four supplementary indexes on the base 1956 = 100 showed gains in the same period, as follows: 7 Uraniums, 13.8 per cent; 9 Primary Oils and Gas, 12.6 per cent; 5 Investment and Loan, 3.8 per cent; and 5 Pipelines, 3.7 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Dec. 29th	Jan. 5th	Jan. 12th	Jan. 19th	Jan. 26th	Jan. 1960	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	267.6	271.7	275.4	281.5	278.0	259.2	260.2	276.6
Industrials (72)	275.9	280.6	284.5	291.6	287.5	267.6	268.0	286.0
Utilities (14)	196.4	198.1	200.8	201.9	202.1	191.0	193.0	200.7
Banks (7)	349.4	353.3	357.1	365.3	359.2	332.8	338.1	358.7
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	110.4	111.6	118.9	116.0	115.6	114.4	108.5	115.5
Golds (21)	79.2	79.2	89.2	83.9	83.3	82.4	78.1	83.9
Base Metals (6)	181.7	185.8	187.0	189.6	189.4	187.8	178.2	188.0
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	111.3	115.9	116.9	117.4	115.4	118.0	109.7	116.4
5 Investment and loan	133.0	135.7	135.5	137.7	138.0	118.5	129.9	136.7
7 Uraniums	58.9	60.8	64.5	68.3	67.0	68.2	59.8	65.2
9 Primary Oil and Gas	41.4	43.4	48.4	47.2	46.6	60.7	40.8	46.4



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

FEBRUARY 1961

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.2 per cent from 129.2 to 128.9 between January and February 1961. A year ago the index was 127.2. The current decrease resulted entirely from a drop of 0.8 per cent in the Food index as the other four component indexes were unchanged.

Lower prices for citrus fruits, fresh tomatoes, eggs, lettuce and beef outweighed price increases for other meats, apples and some fresh vegetables and the Food index moved from 124.4 to 123.4.

The Shelter index was unchanged at 144.7 with the rent component continuing at the January level while minor price changes within the home-ownership component were offsetting.

The Clothing index remained at 111.6 as price increases in women's wear were offset by lower prices for men's and children's wear, and footwear.

Higher prices for fuel and textiles balanced lower prices for furniture, floor coverings, some utensils and household supplies, and the Household Operation index was unchanged at 123.3.

The Other Commodities and Services index, unchanged at 138.3, reflected price increases for transportation, recreation, and tobacco which were offset by lower prices for pharmaceuticals and personal care items.

As previously announced, a revision of the Consumer Price Index is being completed to bring the items included in the index, and their relative importance, in line with more current family purchases as reported in the family expenditure survey of 1957. Publication of the index on the revised basis will begin with the March 1961 index, to be released in the next issue of Price Movements. The index will continue on the time base 1949 = 100.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
February 1961	128.9	123.4	144.7	111.6	123.3	138.3
January 1961	129.2	124.4	144.7	111.6	123.3	138.3
February 1960	127.2	120.8	142.9	109.8	123.2	137.0

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)⁽¹⁾
(1935-1939=100)

The price index of 30 industrial materials moved up 1.3 per cent in the four-week period January 27th to February 24th. Major price increases occurred for steel scrap and beef hides with lesser advances for cotton-seed oil, raw cotton, linseed oil, raw wool, oats and tin. Commodities showing lower prices were raw sugar, hogs and steers.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets eased 0.6 per cent. The Field Products index moved down 0.8 per cent as lower prices reported for potatoes and tobacco in the East were outweighed by price increases for rye and flax in the West, and for oats, peas and corn in the East. The index for Animal Products eased 0.5 per cent reflecting lower prices for hogs and steers in the East and calves in the West. Prices were higher for eggs, chiefly in the East, calves in the East, and for lambs and steers in the West.

On February 14th announcement was made covering the crop year August 1959-July 1960 of a 10 cent per bushel final payment for Western wheat and an interim payment for oats.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939=100)

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 27th	Feb. 3rd	Feb. 10th	Feb. 17th	Feb. 24th	Feb. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb.(P) 1961
Industrial Materials	236.4	236.9	237.4	239.1	239.5	241.8	235.4	238.2
Canadian Farm Products	221.7	220.6	220.8	220.4	220.3	215.8	221.1	220.5
Field	164.0	163.8	163.5	163.2	162.7	179.6	163.7	163.3
Animal	279.3	277.4	278.1	277.6	277.9	252.0	278.5	277.8
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	244.6	242.5	242.3	241.8	241.1	234.8	243.5	241.9
Western Canada	198.8	198.7	199.3	199.0	199.5	196.8	198.7	199.1

(1) - All 1960 and 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1959 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.

(P) - Preliminary, average of weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 93 common stock prices, on the base 1935-1939 = 100, advanced 3.5 per cent in the four-week period January 26th to February 23rd. Increases for major groups were: 72 Industrials, 3.9 per cent; 14 Utilities, 2.2 per cent; and 7 Banks, 2.2 per cent. All nine sub-groups within Industrials showed gains, with Pulp and Paper and Beverages reaching all-time highs in the fourth week at 1,246.6 and 764.4 respectively. Gains were led by Oils, up 8.5 per cent from 198.1 to 215.0; Pulp and Paper, up 3.9 per cent from 1,199.7 to 1,246.6; and Beverages, up 3.6 per cent from 738.0 to 764.4. All three sub-groups within Utilities moved higher over the four weeks, led by Transportation, up 3.1 per cent from 279.9 to 288.6.

The index of 27 Mining Stocks declined 5.0 per cent in the period under review, reflecting a decrease of 10.9 per cent for 21 Golds, which was partially offset by an increase of 1.0 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

In the same period, three of the supplementary indexes, on the base 1956 = 100, showed gains as follows: 9 Primary Oils and Gas, up 24.2 per cent; 5 Investment and Loan, up 8.2 per cent; and 5 Pipelines, up 4.7 per cent. A decline of 2.1 per cent was recorded for 7 Uraniums.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 26th	Feb. 2nd	Feb. 9th	Feb. 16th	Feb. 23rd	Feb. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	278.0	283.3	283.3	286.7	287.8	249.9	276.6	285.3
Industrials (72)	287.5	293.2	292.9	298.1	298.7	257.9	286.0	295.7
Utilities (14)	202.1	205.9	205.3	205.7	206.6	186.8	200.7	205.9
Banks (7)	359.2	363.6	367.7	360.5	367.2	316.3	358.7	364.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	115.6	113.1	109.8	110.7	109.8	110.4	115.5	110.8
Golds (21)	83.3	78.6	75.4	75.5	74.2	82.0	83.9	75.9
Base Metals (6)	189.4	192.1	188.4	191.2	191.3	175.6	188.0	190.8
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	115.4	120.8	121.3	120.9	120.8	110.4	116.4	121.0
5 Investment and loan	138.0	142.1	142.1	147.8	149.3	110.8	136.7	145.3
7 Uraniums	67.0	66.7	65.9	65.1	65.6	62.8	65.2	65.8
9 Primary Oil and Gas	46.6	52.6	54.6	55.1	57.9	56.9	46.4	55.0



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
 (1949 = 100)

Consumer prices between February and March 1961, increased 0.2 per cent from 128.9 to 129.1, as measured by a revised Consumer Price Index which is based on 1957 rather than 1947-48 expenditure patterns. Increases in the Housing and Clothing indexes offset decreases in the Transportation, Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading indexes. The Food, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were both unchanged. The revised index is based on a new "market basket" in which the items included in the index, and their weights, have been revised in accordance with family purchasing habits in 1957. Previously the items and weights of the index were based on purchasing patterns in 1947-48. The time base 1949=100 has been retained and the index on the revised basis continues to express prices in current months as a percentage of prices in 1949.

The new 1957 weighted indexes for January, February, and March 1961 are presented in the Table on page 4 for All-Items and for the seven (previously five) principal component groups. Weights representing the relative importance of the component groups are included in the Table.

The new index has been linked to and is identical with the previously published 1947-48 weighted index at January 1961. For February 1961, the new index is also identical to the previously published index, although indexes for component groups within the index are slightly different. The index based on the 1947-48 weighting pattern has been discontinued, and beginning with this issue of Price Movements, indexes for current months will be the 1957 weighted indexes.

A complete description of the 1957 weighted index is contained in The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1949=100) - Revision Based on 1957 Expenditures. (1) The publication also includes a comparison of the 1957 weighted indexes and the 1947-48 weighted indexes for the period January 1957 - December 1960.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 industrial materials moved up 0.7 per cent in the four-week period February 24th to March 24th. Price advances for 13 commodities included a sharp rise for beef hides and lesser increases for cottonseed oil, fir timber, raw rubber, domestic zinc, tin, raw sugar and linseed oil. Hogs registered a sharp decline.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved down 3.0 per cent. The Animal Products index fell 4.5 per cent as prices declined on both Eastern and Western markets for livestock and butterfat, and in the East for eggs and cheesemilk. Prices were higher for eggs in the West. The Field Products index eased 0.4 per cent reflecting price declines for potatoes in the West, and wheat and oats in the East, and higher prices for rye and flax in the West, and peas in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 24th	Mar. 3rd	Mar. 10th	Mar. 17th	Mar. 24th	Mar. 1960	Feb. 1961	Mar. (P) 1961
Industrial Materials.....	239.4	239.9	241.0	241.7	241.0	240.4	238.1	240.9
Canadian Farm Products	220.2	219.0	217.7	215.7	213.7	217.4	220.5	216.5
Field	162.7	162.5	162.2	162.0	162.1	182.6	163.3	162.2
Animal.....	277.8	275.5	273.3	269.5	265.2	252.2	277.7	270.9
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	241.0	239.9	238.0	235.1	233.1	237.5	241.9	236.5
Western Canada	199.5	198.1	197.5	196.4	194.2	197.4	199.1	196.6

(1) - All 1960 and 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1959 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 93 common stock prices, on the base 1935-1939=100, moved up 3.6 per cent in the four-week period February 23rd to March 23rd. Increases for major groups were: 72 Industrials, 4.3 per cent; 7 Banks, 1.8 per cent; and 14 Utilities, 0.3 per cent. All nine sub-groups within Industrials advanced, with Pulp and Paper and Industrial Mines reaching all-time highs in the fourth week at 1,299.1 and 268.2 respectively. Gains were led by Industrial Mines, up 6.6 per cent from 251.6 to 268.2; Beverages, up 5.3 per cent from 764.4 to 804.8; and Building Materials, up 5.2 per cent from 472.0 to 496.5. Two sub-groups within Utilities moved higher over the four weeks, led by Transportation, up 4.1 per cent from 288.6 to 300.5 and Power and Traction, up 0.3 per cent from 220.5 to 221.1. Telephones declined 0.9 per cent from 133.1 to 131.9.

The index of 27 Mining stocks, 1935-1939=100, rose 1.5 per cent in the same four-week period, reflecting an increase of 5.9 per cent for 6 Base Metals and a decline of 3.2 per cent for 21 Golds.

Four supplementary indexes on the base 1956=100 showed gains as follows: 7 Uraniums, 12.5 per cent; 5 Pipelines, 9.1 per cent; 5 Investment and Loan, 7.1 per cent; and 9 Primary Oils and Gas, 3.1 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 23rd	Mar. 2nd	Mar. 9th	Mar. 16th	Mar. 23rd	Mar. 1960	Feb. 1961	Mar. (P) 1961
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
93 Common Stocks	287.8	292.5	291.0	295.9	298.1	242.3	285.3	294.4
Industrials (72)	298.7	304.7	303.3	308.6	311.5	249.3	295.7	307.0
Utilities (14)	206.6	205.9	204.8	207.0	207.3	184.5	205.9	206.2
Banks (7)	367.2	371.2	367.3	375.0	373.8	305.8	364.8	371.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	109.8	111.2	111.4	116.0	111.5	107.4	110.8	112.5
Golds (21)	74.2	73.2	71.2	75.3	71.8	82.5	75.9	72.9
Base Metals (6)	191.3	198.2	203.6	209.1	202.5	164.4	190.8	203.4
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	120.8	121.8	123.3	130.4	131.8	109.6	121.0	126.8
5 Investment and loan	149.3	149.5	149.5	153.2	159.9	110.5	145.3	153.0
7 Uraniums	65.6	66.0	65.0	67.1	73.8	58.8	65.8	68.0
9 Primary Oil and Gas	57.9	59.7	59.6	60.7	59.7	55.0	55.0	59.9

(P) Preliminary, average of four weeks.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1961		
		March	February	January
All-Items	100	129.1	128.9	129.2
Food	27	124.0	124.0	124.4
Housing (2)	32	133.2	133.1	133.2
Clothing	11	111.8	111.5	111.6
Transportation	12	141.0	141.1	141.1
Health and Personal Care	7	154.4	154.6	155.0
Recreation and Reading	5	146.6	146.7	146.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	115.7	115.7	115.8

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The detail of February - March consumer price changes is provided below. The Food index was unchanged at 124.0. Lower prices were reported for beef, poultry, canned salmon, powdered skim milk, coffee, cheese, grapefruit, fresh tomatoes, lettuce and celery. These price decreases were balanced by higher prices for eggs, pork, fats and a number of other fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly apples and carrots.

The Housing index rose 0.1 per cent, from 133.1 to 133.2, reflecting a small increase in the household operation index. The shelter index was unchanged. In the household operation group, prices were higher for fuel oil and furniture but price decreases occurred for some items of household supplies. In shelter, both the rent and home-ownership indexes were unchanged.

The Clothing index increased 0.3 per cent from 111.5 to 111.8 as a result of higher prices for women's and children's wear, footwear and piece goods. Price decreases were reported for some clothing services while men's wear and jewellery indexes were unchanged.

The Transportation index declined 0.1 per cent, from 141.1 to 141.0, with a decrease in the automobile operation index outweighing an increase in the local transportation index. The travel index covering train, bus and plane fares was unchanged. In the automobile operation group, prices were lower for new passenger cars, body repairs and brake relining but gasoline, tire and battery prices were up. Street car and bus fares in local transportation were higher in several cities.

The slight decline of 0.1 per cent in the Health and Personal Care index, from 154.6 to 154.4, resulted entirely from lower prices for some personal care items as the health care index was unchanged.

The Recreation and Reading index declined 0.1 per cent, from 146.7 to 146.6, reflecting a decrease in the recreation index resulting from lower prices for bicycles. The reading index was unchanged.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 115.7.



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

APRIL 1961

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index was unchanged at 129.1 between March and April 1961. Declines in the Food, and Recreation and Reading components balanced increases in the Clothing, Health and Personal Care, and Tobacco and Alcohol components. The Housing and Transportation components were unchanged.

The April indexes reflect the Nova Scotia sales tax changes which became effective in April as well as the gasoline tax changes in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1961		
		April	March	February
All-Items	100	129.1	129.1	128.9
Food	27	123.9	124.0	124.0
Housing (2)	32	133.2	133.2	133.1
Clothing	11	111.9	111.8	111.5
Transportation	12	141.0	141.0	141.1
Health and Personal Care	7	155.3	154.4	154.6
Recreation and Reading	5	145.5	146.6	146.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	115.8	115.7	115.7

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index declined 0.1 per cent from 124.0 to 123.9 as prices of food for consumption at home decreased 0.2 per cent but restaurant meals increased 0.3 per cent. Lower prices were reported for eggs, beef, pork, veal, turkey, powdered skim milk, bananas, grapefruit and chocolate bars. Prices were higher for most fats, oranges, cereal products other than bread, apples and most fresh, canned and frozen vegetables, particularly fresh tomatoes and lettuce.

The Housing index was unchanged at 133.2. A fractional increase in the shelter component, combined with no change in the household operation component, was not sufficient to change the combined index. The shelter

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The index of industrial materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average of 30 prices, edged 0.8 per cent higher in the three-week period March 31st to April 21st. A major price increase occurred for steel scrap with lesser advances for fir timber, raw wool, cottonseed oil, raw sugar, raw rubber, tin and linseed oil. Commodities showing lower prices were sisal, steers, and beef hides.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian farm products at terminal markets moved down 0.9 per cent. The Animal Products index declined 1.4 per cent reflecting lower prices for poultry in the East, eggs, cheesemilk and hogs in the West and calves and steers both East and West. Prices advanced for raw wool, both East and West, and for lambs, eggs and hogs in the East. The Field Products index was down 0.2 per cent as lower prices for potatoes on both Eastern and Western markets, corn in the East, and rye in the West, were almost balanced by price increases for peas in the East and flax in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1961 . Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Apr. 28th	Apr. 21st	Apr. 14th	Apr. 7th	Mar. 31st	Apr. (P) 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1960
Industrial Materials.....	A V A I L A B L E	242.8	242.2	241.7	240.8	242.2	240.1	241.7
Canadian Farm Products		212.4	212.9	214.4	214.4	213.2	216.2	222.2
Field		163.2	162.7	163.1	163.5	163.0	162.4	188.3
Animal.....		261.6	263.1	265.7	265.4	263.5	269.9	256.2
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		231.6	232.1	233.8	234.0	232.5	236.1	244.6
Western Canada		193.2	193.8	195.0	194.9	194.0	196.2	199.8

(1) - All 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1959 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 92 common stock prices, on the base 1935-1939 = 100, moved up 4.4 per cent in the four-week period March 30th to April 27th. Increases for major groups were: 71 Industrials, 5.0 per cent; 14 Utilities, 2.8 per cent; and 7 Banks, 1.3 per cent. Eight sub-groups within Industrials showed gains, with all-time highs reached in the second week for Pulp and Paper at 1,301.7, and in the last week for Beverages and Industrial Mines at 830.3 and 290.6 respectively. Sub-group gains over the four weeks were led by Industrial Mines, up 9.6 per cent from 265.1 to 290.6, and Textiles and Clothing, up 6.6 per cent from 197.9 to 210.9. Building Materials declined 0.6 per cent from 487.3 to 484.5. Within Utilities, Telephones rose 5.7 per cent from 130.7 to 138.2, Transportation moved up 0.1 per cent from 291.9 to 292.2, while Power and Traction eased 0.4 per cent from 222.8 to 221.9.

The index of 27 Mining stocks rose 6.7 per cent in the period under review, reflecting increases of 8.5 per cent for 6 Base Metals and 4.4 per cent for 21 Golds.

In the same period, three of the supplementary indexes, on the base 1956 = 100, showed gains as follows: 5 Pipelines, up 6.7 per cent; 5 Investment and Loan, up 4.4 per cent; and 9 Primary Oils and Gas, up 0.3 per cent. A decline of 1.8 per cent was recorded for 7 Uraniums.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Apr. 27th	Apr. 20th	Apr. 13th	Apr. 6th	Mar. 30th	Apr. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
92 Common Stocks	308.8	305.9	305.3	299.0	295.7	304.8	294.6	248.8
Industrials (71)	324.4	321.3	320.1	312.7	308.9	319.6	307.4	256.7
Utilities (14)	211.6	208.1	209.0	206.6	205.8	208.8	206.2	188.2
Banks (7)	376.9	378.1	380.0	375.6	371.9	377.6	371.8	309.1
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	118.8	118.6	115.8	113.0	111.3	116.6	112.3	105.1
Golds (21)	73.6	72.7	71.7	70.5	70.5	72.1	72.4	78.4
Base Metals (6)	222.3	223.8	216.7	210.2	204.8	218.2	203.6	166.4
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	139.7	139.5	139.4	133.0	130.9	137.9	127.6	107.2
5 Investment and loan	166.9	163.3	165.6	163.4	159.9	164.8	154.4	114.6
7 Uraniums	69.8	69.4	70.0	70.9	71.1	70.0	68.6	58.9
9 Primary Oil and Gas	60.7	59.6	59.3	60.1	60.5	59.9	60.0	53.4

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

index was higher as a result of price increases for some items of home-ownership. The rent index was unchanged, as the stability which has been evident in this series for some months continued. In the household operation index, lower prices for some household appliances offset higher prices for furniture, floor coverings, textiles, and utensils and equipment.

The Clothing index increased 0.1 per cent from 111.8 to 111.9 as a result of higher prices for men's, women's, and children's wear, and piece goods. Clothing services, which include laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repairs, and footwear were unchanged.

The Transportation index was unchanged at 141.0 with little or no price movement in the automobile operation, local transportation or travel indexes. In automobile operation, tax increases for gasoline in a number of cities were largely offset by substantial price decreases in several cities, particularly Toronto. Automobile licenses cost more in a number of cities.

The Health and Personal Care index rose 0.6 per cent from 154.4 to 155.3. Higher professional fees occurred for dentists' and doctors' services and for optical care. In personal care, prices of supplies were lower as decreases for toilet soap outweighed slightly higher prices for other items.

The Recreation and Reading index declined 0.8 per cent from 146.6 to 145.5. The reading index was unchanged but the recreation index decreased as a result of lower prices for television sets, radios, phonograph records and bicycles.

The fractional increase of 0.1 per cent in the Tobacco and Alcohol index from 115.7 to 115.8 resulted entirely from price changes in Saint John for both beer and liquor.



PRICE MOVEMENTS

MAY 1961

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index decreased 0.1 per cent from 129.1 to 129.0 between April and May 1961 as a result of a decline of 0.6 per cent in the Food index combined with a drop of 0.2 per cent in the Housing index. The Health and Personal Care, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were both unchanged while the Clothing, Transportation, and Recreation and Reading indexes rose 0.4, 0.6 and 0.3 per cent respectively.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1961		
		May	April	March
All-Items	100	129.0	129.1	129.1
Food	27	123.2	123.9	124.0
Housing (2)	32	132.9	133.2	133.2
Clothing	11	112.4	111.9	111.8
Transportation	12	141.8	141.0	141.0
Health and Personal Care	7	155.3	155.3	154.4
Recreation and Reading	5	146.0	145.5	146.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	115.8	115.8	115.7

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index moved from 123.9 to 123.2 as lower prices were reported for a wide range of items including eggs, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, turkey, oranges, jam, lard, canned and frozen vegetables, tomato juice and frozen orange juice. These price declines more than balanced higher prices for most fresh vegetables, apples, grapes, coffee and processed cheese.

The Housing index decreased from 133.2 to 132.9 as the shelter component was unchanged but the household operation index declined 0.6 per cent. In shelter, the rent index was unchanged for the fifth successive month; the home-ownership index edged up fractionally as higher prices for new houses and repair items offset lower premiums for property insurance. The decline in the household operation index reflected lower prices for coal and fuel oil as well as price decreases in most other groups. In household services, lower prices were reported for insurance on household effects.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The index of industrial materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average of 30 prices, moved 1.0 per cent higher over the three-week period April 28th to May 19th. Major increases occurred for hogs and domestic copper, while lesser advances were reported for beef hides, steers, tin, raw wool, raw sugar, fir timber, oats and raw cotton. Commodities showing lower prices were linseed oil, raw rubber and spruce lumber.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian farm products at terminal markets advanced 1.2 per cent reflecting a 2.6 per cent increase in the Animal Products index. Sharp price increases occurred for hogs, particularly in the East, with lesser advances for raw wool and steers in the East, calves in the West, and eggs in both regions. Lower prices were reported for lambs in the East, and for fluid milk, raw wool and steers in the West. The Field Products index eased 0.8 per cent as declines for flax in the West and potatoes in the East were almost balanced by increases for potatoes in the West, and corn and wheat in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 26th	May 19th	May 12th	May 5th	Apr. 28th	May (P) 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1960
Industrial Materials.....	A V A I L A B L E	245.1	244.0	243.1	242.7	244.1	241.7	243.2
Canadian Farm Products ...		213.8	212.1	210.7	211.2	212.2	213.0	223.9
Field		161.7	161.9	162.1	163.0	161.9	162.8	190.1
Animal.....		266.0	262.3	259.3	259.3	262.5	263.1	257.8
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		234.0	231.8	228.8	229.7	231.5	232.1	247.2
Western Canada		193.7	192.4	192.6	192.6	192.9	193.8	200.6

(1) - All 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1959 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 92 common stock prices, on the base 1935-1939=100, moved up 3.0 per cent in the four-week period April 27th to May 25th. Increases for major groups were: 14 Utilities, 5.8 per cent; 71 Industrials, 2.7 per cent; and 7 Banks, 1.8 per cent. All three sub-groups within Utilities showed gains, with Transportation rising 15.7 per cent from 292.2 to 338.0 and Telephones reaching an all-time high in the third week at 147.8. Seven sub-groups within Industrials moved higher over the four weeks, led by Industrial Mines, up 7.7 per cent from 290.6 to 313.1 and Food and Allied Products up 4.9 per cent from 312.1 to 327.4. Machinery and Equipment, and Pulp and Paper moved down 1.7 per cent and 0.3 per cent respectively.

The index of 27 Mining stocks, on the base 1935-1939=100, rose 2.8 per cent in the period under review, reflecting increases of 4.5 per cent for 6 Base Metals and 0.4 per cent for 21 Golds.

In the same period, three of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956=100, showed gains as follows: 5 Investment and Loan, 6.3 per cent; 7 Uraniums, 2.9 per cent; and 5 Pipelines, 0.5 per cent; while 9 Primary Oils and Gas declined 1.2 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 25th	May 18th	May 11th	May 4th	Apr. 27th	May 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
92 Common Stocks	318.0	319.5	315.8	317.1	308.8	317.6	304.8	249.2
Industrials (71)	333.2	335.3	331.4	333.7	324.4	333.4	319.6	257.4
Utilities (14)	223.8	222.9	219.4	216.7	211.6	220.7	208.8	188.1
Banks (7)	383.8	384.9	382.0	382.7	376.9	383.4	377.6	308.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	122.1	123.2	122.5	122.1	118.8	122.5	116.6	98.0
Golds (21)	73.9	72.9	74.4	73.2	73.6	73.6	72.1	67.8
Base Metals (6)	232.4	238.3	232.6	234.1	222.3	234.4	218.2	167.2
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	140.4	140.2	142.1	145.8	139.7	142.1	137.9	102.9
5 Investment and loan	177.4	175.8	176.8	173.7	166.9	175.9	164.8	115.8
7 Uraniums	71.8	71.9	71.5	71.0	69.8	71.6	70.0	57.3
9 Primary Oil and Gas	60.0	60.6	60.4	59.8	60.7	60.2	59.9	47.3

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Clothing index rose from 111.9 to 112.4 as a result of increases in prices for women's wear and footwear. Men's wear and piece goods were unchanged while the index for children's wear declined.

The Transportation index moved up to 141.8 from 141.0 with an increase in the automobile operation index resulting from a 6.8 per cent rise in automobile insurance premiums combined with some upward movement in gasoline prices. New passenger car prices declined 0.7 per cent.

The Health and Personal Care index was unchanged at 155.3. Minor price increases in some personal care supplies and services, including haircuts, were not sufficient to affect the index.

The Recreation and Reading index increased to 146.0 from 145.5 as a result of higher prices for theatre admissions and toys in the recreation index; the reading index was unchanged.

Fractionally higher prices for cigarette tobacco, beer and liquor were not significant enough to move the Tobacco and Alcohol index which remained at its April level of 115.8.



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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index was unchanged at 129.0 between the beginning of May and June 1961. Declines in the Transportation, Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading components balanced increases in the Food and Clothing components. The Housing, and Tobacco and Alcohol components were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1961		
		June	May	April
All-Items	100	129.0	129.0	129.1
Food	27	123.5	123.2	123.9
Housing (2)	32	132.9	132.9	133.2
Clothing	11	112.5	112.4	111.9
Transportation	12	141.2	141.8	141.0
Health and Personal Care	7	155.0	155.3	155.3
Recreation and Reading	5	145.8	146.0	145.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	115.8	115.8	115.8

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index rose 0.2 per cent from 123.2 to 123.5 as a result of higher prices for a variety of food items, including most fresh fruits and vegetables, pork, eggs, sugar and cereals. Beef, chicken and turkey prices were at lower levels while price declines were also reported for fresh tomatoes and strawberries and frozen orange juice.

The Housing index was unchanged at 132.9 as both the shelter and household operation components remained at May levels. In shelter, a fractional increase in the rent index, the first in six months, just balanced a similar decrease in the home-ownership index. In household operation, lower prices for coal and textiles offset price increases for furniture, floor coverings, and utensils and equipment; the household supplies and services index was unchanged.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939=100)

The index of industrial materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, stood at 242.9 in the week of June 23rd, unchanged from the week of May 26th, although the index fluctuated moderately over the four-week period. Price increases for tin, linseed oil, raw cotton, hogs, iron ore, bleached sulphite pulp, wheat, sisal, and oats were offset by declines for rosin, raw wool, cottonseed oil, raw sugar, fir timber, steers, beef hides, and domestic zinc.

In the same four-week period the index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved up 0.3 per cent. The Field Products index, up 2.7 per cent, reflected higher prices for potatoes and rye both East and West, flax in the West, and barley in the East. Prices were lower for corn and oats in the East. The Animal Products index moved 1.2 per cent lower as prices declined on both markets for calves, raw wool and steers; for poultry and butterfat in the East, and for fluid milk in the West. Prices were higher for eggs, lambs and hogs, both East and West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939=100)

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 23rd	June 16th	June 9th	June 2nd	May 26th	June (P) 1961	May 1961	June 1960
Industrial Materials.....	242.9	241.0	242.1	243.4	242.9	242.4	243.6	242.2
Canadian Farm Products	214.1	216.5	217.4	216.7	213.5	216.2	213.8	231.7
Field.....	166.0	166.8	165.1	163.9	161.7	165.4	161.7	198.4
Animal.....	262.2	266.3	269.8	269.5	265.4	267.0	266.0	265.0
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada.....	235.7	238.8	240.2	238.8	233.0	238.4	233.9	254.0
Western Canada.....	192.5	194.2	194.6	194.6	194.0	194.0	193.7	209.4

(1) - All 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1960 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains. The June 1960 index reflects final payments for wheat for the 1959-1960 crop year announced June 21st, 1961.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 91 common stock prices, on the base 1935-39=100, moved up 0.4 per cent in the four-week period May 25th to June 22nd. Indexes for all three major groups increased as follows: 6 Banks, 3.0 per cent; 71 Industrials, 0.2 per cent and 14 Utilities, 0.1 per cent. Within Industrials, five sub-groups showed gains: Textiles and Clothing, 8.0 per cent; Milling and Grains, 6.7 per cent; Pulp and Paper, 6.1 per cent; Building Materials, 3.3 per cent and Beverages, 1.4 per cent. Two of these sub-groups reached all time highs during the period under review: Pulp and Paper in the fourth week at 1341.5, and Beverages in the second week at 876.8. The remaining four sub-groups within Industrials declined, the largest decline being registered by Industrial Mines, down 2.3 per cent from 313.1 to 306.0. Within Utilities, Telephones rose 3.0 per cent from 145.7 to 150.0, while declines occurred for Transportation, down 4.8 per cent from 338.0 to 321.9, and Power and Traction, down 1.6 per cent from 224.7 to 221.1.

The index of 27 Mining stocks, on the base 1935-39=100, rose 2.5 per cent in the period under review, reflecting increases of 3.3 per cent for 6 Base Metals and 1.4 per cent for 21 Golds.

In the same period, three of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956 = 100 showed declines as follows: 9 Primary Oils and Gas, 4.5 per cent; 7 Uraniums, 3.3 per cent and 5 Pipelines, 1.4 per cent. The index of 5 Investment and Loan stocks rose 3.0 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 22nd	June 15th	June 8th	June 1st	May 25th	June 1961 ^(P)	May 1961	June 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
91 Common Stocks	319.4	316.0	314.0	315.1	318.0	316.1	317.6	251.0
Industrials (71)	333.8	329.7	328.7	330.1	333.2	330.6	333.4	258.3
Utilities (14)	224.1	225.4	223.3	223.0	223.8	224.0	220.7	190.6
Banks (6)	395.4	387.8	377.0	377.4	383.8	384.4	383.4	317.7
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks (21)	125.1	120.8	119.0	120.6	122.1	121.4	122.5	96.0
Golds (21)	74.9	72.9	72.9	74.0	73.9	73.7	73.6	64.9
Base Metals (6)	240.0	230.6	224.5	227.3	232.4	230.6	234.4	167.4
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	138.5	139.0	137.9	138.7	140.4	138.5	142.1	99.5
5 Investment and loan	182.7	179.7	174.8	175.0	177.4	178.0	175.9	119.9
7 Uraniums	69.4	72.1	74.0	72.3	71.8	72.0	71.6	53.9
9 Primary Oil and Gas	57.3	58.6	58.8	59.2	60.0	58.5	60.2	44.6

(P) Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The increase of 0.1 per cent in the Clothing index, from 112.4 to 112.5, reflected higher prices for men's and children's wear, piece goods and clothing services which include laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repairs. Footwear prices were unchanged while prices were lower for women's wear.

The Transportation index declined 0.4 per cent from 141.8 to 141.2 as a result of lower gasoline prices in the automobile operation component, combined with a decrease in some local transportation fares. The travel component was higher with increases in some inter-urban bus fares.

The Health and Personal Care index decreased 0.2 per cent from 155.3 to 155.0. The health care component declined as lower prices for prescriptions in the pharmaceutical index outweighed price increases for other items in this group. The personal care component edged upward due to price increases for a number of supplies including toilet soap, tooth-paste, face cream and powder.

The Recreation and Reading index declined 0.1 per cent from 146.0 to 145.8. The reading index was unchanged but the recreation index decreased as a result of lower prices for several items including sports equipment.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 115.8.



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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged at 129.0 between June and July 1961. Seasonally higher prices within the food component and a slight increase in the Health and Personal Care component were offset by declines in the Clothing, Transportation, and Recreation and Reading components. The Housing, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes remained unchanged over the period.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1961		
		July	June	May
All-Items	100	129.0	129.0	129.0
Food	27	124.9	123.5	123.2
Housing (2)	32	132.9	132.9	132.9
Clothing	11	112.2	112.5	112.4
Transportation	12	138.7	141.2	141.8
Health and Personal Care	7	155.1	155.0	155.3
Recreation and Reading	5	145.0	145.8	146.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	115.8	115.8	115.8

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index increased 1.1 per cent to 124.9 from 123.5 due, primarily, to seasonally higher prices for most fresh vegetables and eggs. Increased prices for some meat items and coffee were also recorded. The increases were partially offset by lower prices for a variety of fresh fruit items, particularly oranges, grapes and strawberries.

The Housing component remained unchanged at 132.9 over the period. A slight increase in the shelter index was balanced by a similar decline in the household operation index. Both the rent and home-ownership sub groups advanced slightly due to increased repair prices and in the latter sub group prices were higher for new houses. Within household operation, the homefurnishings index declined as a result of lower prices for most appliances and furniture items, carpets and cotton sheets. Prices of dishes and glassware increased, however. The

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹ (1935-1939=100) The index of 30 industrial materials moved 1.1 per cent higher between June 30th and July 21st. Commodity price changes included substantial increases for oats, linseed oil and white lead, and more modest advances for hogs, wheat, domestic zinc, rosin, raw rubber, beef hides and fir timber. Showing lower were raw sugar, raw wool, tin, sisal, and steers.

In the same three-week period, the index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 2.2 per cent. The Animal Products index moved up 2.4 per cent as egg prices showed sharply higher and more moderate increases were reported for hogs on both East and West markets, lambs and cheesemilk in the East, and calves and steers in the West. Prices were lower for raw wool in the West, and for calves and steers in the East. The Field Products Index moved up 1.8 per cent reflecting price increases for rye on both markets, hay and flax in the West, and barley, potatoes, corn, oats and peas in the East. Prices were lower for hay and wheat in the East and potatoes in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

		1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		July 28th	July 21st	July 14th	July 7th	June 30th	July ^(P) 1961	June 1961	July 1960
Industrial Materials.....	A V A I L A B L E		247.8	248.4	247.7	245.0	248.0	239.7	240.5
Canadian Farm Products			218.7	216.1	214.5	214.0	216.4	216.5	228.4
Field			167.8	165.5	165.6	164.9	166.3	166.8	186.7
Animal.....			269.5	266.8	263.4	263.1	266.6	266.3	270.1
Regional Indexes:									
Eastern Canada	N O T		240.9	237.4	235.5	235.4	237.9	238.8	246.4
Western Canada			196.4	194.9	193.5	192.6	194.9	194.2	210.4

(1) - All 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1960 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 91 common stock prices, on the base 1935-39 = 100, moved up 0.7 per cent in the four-week period June 29th to July 27th. The indexes for two major groups advanced with 6 Banks up 1.5 per cent, and 71 Industrials up 0.7 per cent, while the index of 14 Utilities declined 0.4 per cent. Six sub-groups within Industrials moved higher over the four weeks, led by Industrial Mines up 6.0 per cent from 313.3 to 332.1, and Milling and Grains up 2.3 per cent from 245.1 to 250.7. The Machinery and Equipment sub-group declined 6.9 per cent from 788.0 to 733.6. All three sub-groups within Utilities declined fractionally over the four weeks.

The index of 27 Mining stocks rose 6.3 per cent in the period under review, reflecting increases of 8.7 per cent for 21 Golds and 4.5 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

Three of the supplementary indexes, on the base 1956 = 100, declined as follows: 9 Primary Oils and Gas, 6.8 per cent; 5 Investment and Loan, 0.6 per cent; and 5 Pipelines, 0.5 per cent. For 7 Uraniums, the index rose 4.3 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 27th	July 20th	July 13th	July 6th	June 29th	July 1961	June 1961	July 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
91 Common Stocks	319.4	315.8	318.3	323.6	317.3	319.3	316.4	243.6
Industrials (71)	334.8	331.4	333.6	340.4	332.4	335.0	330.9	249.8
Utilities (14)	219.4	217.7	220.3	221.5	220.2	219.7	223.2	187.3
Banks (6)	395.9	386.6	391.3	392.0	390.0	391.4	385.5	311.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	132.0	128.2	127.9	127.7	124.2	129.0	121.9	95.5
Golds (21)	80.9	76.7	76.2	75.1	74.4	77.2	73.8	64.7
Base Metals (6)	249.0	246.2	246.2	248.0	238.3	247.4	232.1	166.0
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	134.3	131.8	133.0	136.0	135.0	133.8	137.8	96.4
5 Investment and loan	184.9	185.2	186.1	184.8	186.0	185.2	179.6	119.2
7 Uraniums	72.7	71.0	71.2	72.4	69.7	71.8	71.5	55.4
9 Primary Oil and Gas	53.4	52.7	53.4	55.9	57.3	53.8	58.2	42.2

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household supplies and services index advanced slightly with higher prices for toilet paper, floor wax and household help.

The Clothing index moved down from 112.5 to 112.2, a decline of 0.3 per cent, as slightly lower prices were recorded for men's wear and more significant declines occurred in women's wear and piece goods. The decrease was primarily due to sale prices for men's suits, women's street dresses and spring coats, and dress material.

A decline of 1.8 per cent occurred in the Transportation index which moved to 138.7 from 141.2, as a result of reductions in automobile prices. The removal of the excise tax on passenger cars combined with normal seasonal price declines appreciably lowered the index for automobile purchase. The price of gasoline advanced slightly over the period.

The Health and Personal Care index moved up fractionally from 155.0 to 155.1, an increase of 0.1 per cent. The health care component was unchanged over the period while the index of personal care supplies increased 0.2 per cent.

The Recreation and Reading index declined 0.5 per cent to 145.0 from 145.8. The decrease was due to the recreation component in which prices of television sets and radios declined seasonally.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index remained unchanged at 115.8.



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index increased a fractional 0.1 per cent from 129.0 to 129.1 between the beginning of July and August 1961. Increases in the Food, Transportation, Recreation and Reading, and Tobacco and Alcohol components more than balanced decreases in the Clothing, and Health and Personal Care components. The Housing component was unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1961		
		August	July	June
All-Items	100	129.1	129.0	129.0
Food	27	125.3	124.9	123.5
Housing (2)	32	132.9	132.9	132.9
Clothing	11	112.1	112.2	112.5
Transportation	12	139.0	138.7	141.2
Health and Personal Care	7	154.6	155.1	155.0
Recreation and Reading	5	145.4	145.0	145.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	116.1	115.8	115.8

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
 (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index rose 0.3 per cent from 124.9 to 125.3 as a result of price increases for bread combined with higher prices, some seasonally, for eggs, some fresh and canned fruits, coffee, powdered skim milk, pork and some beef cuts. Lower prices were reported for most fresh vegetables, particularly potatoes and tomatoes, and for oranges, bananas, weiners, turkey and some cuts of beef.

The Housing index was unchanged at 132.9 as a fractional upward movement occurred in the household operation component but the shelter component was unchanged. In household operation, higher prices for fuel, floor coverings, textiles and household supplies offset sale prices for furniture and power lawnmowers. In shelter, the rent index declined as a result of lower prices

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The index of thirty industrial raw materials edged up 0.4 per cent over the three-week period July 28th to August 18th, reflecting price increases for oats, beef hides, raw rubber, tin, raw wool, steers and hogs. Price declines were reported for raw cotton, raw sugar, and linseed oil.

Over the same three weeks, the index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets was unchanged at 214.6. The Field Products index moved down 0.6 per cent reflecting price declines in the East for potatoes and peas, which outweighed price increases for barley, rye and corn on Eastern markets, and potatoes and rye in the West. The Animal Products index moved up 0.4 per cent reflecting sharply higher prices for calves in the East, and more moderate advances for steers both East and West, and for raw wool in the West. Prices were lower, both East and West, for lambs, hogs, and eggs, and in the East for raw wool.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

		1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Aug. 25th	Aug. 18th	Aug. 11th	Aug. 4th	July 28th	Aug. (P) 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1960
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E		248.3	247.4	246.9	247.3	247.5	247.7	240.8
Canadian Farm Products			214.6	212.2	214.6	214.6	213.8	216.2	216.3
Field			162.6	162.7	165.8	163.6	163.7	165.5	160.9
Animal			266.6	261.8	263.5	265.6	264.0	266.8	271.7
Regional Indexes:	N O T								
Eastern Canada			232.7	229.5	234.1	233.1	232.1	237.5	235.2
Western Canada			196.5	195.0	195.1	196.2	195.5	194.9	197.4

(1) - All 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1960 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 91 common stock prices, on the base 1935-39 = 100, moved up 2.3 per cent in the four-week period July 27th to August 24th. Two major group indexes showed gains, as 6 Banks advanced 3.8 per cent and 71 Industrials 2.5 per cent, while the index of 14 Utilities declined 0.4 per cent. For Banks a new high of 412.9 was touched in the third week. Within Industrials the indexes for eight sub-groups increased with Food and Allied Products up 8.0 per cent from 316.6 to 341.9, Beverages up 7.1 per cent from 877.1 to 939.3, and Textiles and Clothing up 4.2 per cent from 224.7 to 234.1. Three sub-groups reached all-time highs during the period under review: Industrial Mines in the first week at 340.0, Pulp and Paper in the second week at 1394.4, and Beverages in the fourth week at 939.3. Machinery and Equipment eased 0.4 per cent lower from 733.6 to 730.5. Within Utilities, the Transportation sub-group declined 1.8 per cent from 321.6 to 315.8, Telephones were down 0.1 per cent from 146.6 to 146.4, while the index for Power and Traction remained unchanged at 214.4.

The index of 27 Mining stocks rose 2.4 per cent in the same four-week period, reflecting increases of 4.8 per cent for 21 Golds and 0.7 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

Of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956 = 100, two showed gains as 9 Primary Oils and Gas rose 5.1 per cent and 5 Investment and Loan were up 2.8 per cent. Declines of 1.8 per cent for 5 Pipelines and 0.3 per cent for 7 Uraniums were recorded.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 24th	Aug. 17th	Aug. 10th	Aug. 3rd	July 27th	Aug. (P) 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
91 Common Stocks	326.7	328.2	328.5	327.1	319.4	327.6	319.3	249.3
Industrials (71)	343.2	344.6	345.3	343.5	334.8	344.2	335.0	255.3
Utilities (14)	218.6	220.6	222.5	221.1	219.4	220.7	219.7	191.6
Banks (6)	411.0	412.9	405.7	407.5	395.9	409.3	391.4	322.9
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	135.2	136.5	136.6	134.4	132.0	135.7	129.0	101.4
Golds (21)	84.8	84.5	85.7	83.8	80.9	84.7	77.2	71.4
Base Metals (6)	250.7	255.6	253.2	250.3	249.0	252.4	247.4	169.9
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	131.9	133.0	134.0	135.7	134.3	133.6	133.8	99.8
5 Investment and loan	190.1	188.7	189.0	188.5	184.9	189.1	185.2	123.3
7 Uraniums	72.5	74.2	73.4	72.5	72.7	73.2	71.8	55.1
9 Primary Oil and Gas	56.1	58.4	59.2	57.4	53.4	57.8	53.8	44.4

(P) Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

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(1949=100)

for tenant repairs while the home-ownership index increased because of higher property taxes.

The slight decline of 0.1 per cent in the Clothing index, from 112.2 to 112.1, resulted largely from sale prices in women's wear, notably cotton street dresses. Scattered price movements were offsetting in men's and children's wear. Footwear prices were unchanged while piece goods declined fractionally.

The Transportation index increased 0.2 per cent from 138.7 to 139.0 as a result of higher gasoline prices in the automobile operation component.

The Health and Personal Care index declined 0.3 per cent from 155.1 to 154.6 due to a decrease in the health care component. Lower prices for prescriptions and vitamins in the pharmaceutical index outweighed price increases for other items in this group. The personal care component was unchanged as higher prices for shaving cream, toothbrushes and face powder were balanced by lower prices for toothpaste and cleansing tissues.

The Recreation and Reading index rose 0.3 per cent from 145.0 to 145.4. The reading index was unchanged but the recreation index rose as a result of higher prices for admissions to professional football games in eastern and western Canada.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index rose 0.3 per cent from 115.8 to 116.1 with higher prices in both components.



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged at 129.1 between the beginning of August and September 1961. All components except food were higher, largely as a result of the introduction of a 3.0 per cent sales tax in Ontario. However, these increases were offset by a substantial decline in the food component due to seasonally lower prices for most fresh fruits and vegetables.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1961		
		September	August	July
All-Items	100	129.1	129.1	129.0
Food	27	123.2	125.3	124.9
Housing (2)	32	133.5	132.9	132.9
Clothing	11	113.1	112.1	112.2
Transportation	12	140.0	139.0	138.7
Health and Personal Care	7	155.0	154.6	155.1
Recreation and Reading	5	146.7	145.4	145.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.3	116.1	115.8

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
 (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index decreased 1.7 per cent from 125.3 to 123.2 as sharply lower prices were reported for apples, peaches, grapes, potatoes, tomatoes, celery and carrots. Lower prices also occurred for canned and frozen vegetables, canned fruits, chicken, turkey, lamb and veal. Beef and pork prices were generally higher and price increases were also recorded for eggs, citrus fruits, coffee, tea and flour.

The Housing component rose 0.5 per cent from 132.9 to 133.5 as the shelter index rose a fractional 0.1 per cent and the household operation index increased 0.8 per cent. In shelter, the rent index was unchanged while the home-ownership index edged up 0.1 per cent. The increase in the household operation index reflected both the effect of the sales tax and price increases

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The index of thirty industrial materials edged up 0.7 per cent from 248.0 to 249.7 in the three-week period September 1st to September 22nd. Commodities showing higher prices included beef hides, steers, crude oil, linseed oil, bituminous coal, raw cotton, oats, hogs and wheat. Price declines were recorded for raw wool, sisal, tin, raw rubber and raw sugar.

The index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved up 1.1 per cent in the same period. The Animal Products index increased 2.1 per cent reflecting higher prices for steers, calves and eggs on both Eastern and Western markets, poultry in the East, and fluid milk in the West. Prices were lower for raw wool and hogs in the West and for lambs in the East. The Field Products index eased 0.6 per cent as price declines occurred for potatoes, both East and West, corn in the East, and hay in the West. These declines were almost balanced by increases for rye, both East and West, oats, peas, and barley in the East, and flax in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Sept. 29th	Sept. 22nd	Sept. 15th	Sept. 8th	Sept. 1st	Sept. (P) 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1960
Industrial Materials.....	A V A I L A B L E	249.7	248.9	248.2	248.0	248.9	247.1	241.0
Canadian Farm Products		218.1	216.7	215.4	215.8	216.7	214.6	217.2
Field		159.8	159.8	159.7	160.7	159.8	162.6	160.7
Animal.....		276.4	273.7	271.0	270.8	273.7	266.6	273.6
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		236.7	235.1	232.9	234.1	234.9	232.7	236.6
Western Canada		199.4	198.4	197.8	197.4	198.5	196.5	197.7

(1) - All 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1960 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 88 common stock prices, on the base 1935-39 = 100, moved down 1.8 per cent in the four-week period August 31st to September 28th. A new high of 329.1 was touched in the first week. Among major groups, the index of 69 Industrials declined 2.2 per cent and that of 6 Banks moved 2.2 per cent lower. The index for 13 Utilities advanced 1.1 per cent. Within Industrials, declines for seven sub-groups were led by Machinery and Equipment, down 8.0 per cent from 733.4 to 674.9, Food and Allied Products, down 4.8 per cent from 339.8 to 323.5, and Textiles and Clothing, down 4.4 per cent from 235.7 to 225.4. The Beverage sub-group, which reached an all-time high of 966.6 in the second week, closed the month with a small net loss. Two sub-groups within Utilities advanced with Power and Traction up 3.3 per cent from 209.1 to 216.0, and Telephones up 1.3 per cent from 148.4 to 150.3, while Transportation moved down 2.3 per cent from 330.4 to 322.7.

The index of 27 Mining Stocks declined 6.7 per cent in the period under review, reflecting declines of 7.7 per cent for 21 Golds, and 5.9 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

In the same period, three of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956 = 100 declined as follows: 7 Uraniums, 3.7 per cent; 9 Primary Oils and Gas, 0.8 per cent; and 5 Investment and Loan, 0.2 per cent. The index for 5 Pipelines rose 6.8 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Sept. 28th	Sept. 21st	Sept. 14th	Sept. 7th	Aug. 31st	Sept. 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
88 Common Stocks	321.6	325.1	327.8	329.1	327.6	325.9	327.6	248.9
Industrials (69)	336.5	340.2	343.7	345.3	344.1	341.4	344.1	254.2
Utilities (13)	223.1	223.8	224.7	224.4	220.7	224.0	220.7	191.7
Banks (6)	400.5	407.6	407.3	409.3	409.5	406.2	409.3	329.3
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	127.3	130.0	132.7	135.0	136.5	131.2	135.8	104.0
Golds (21)	81.0	82.5	84.2	85.6	87.8	83.3	85.3	73.5
Base Metals (6)	233.4	238.7	243.9	248.2	247.9	241.0	251.5	173.8
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	144.1	139.2	140.3	135.9	134.9	139.9	133.9	106.0
5 Investment and Loan	189.8	189.4	194.8	192.5	190.1	191.6	189.3	128.2
7 Uraniums	72.0	72.6	73.8	72.8	74.8	72.8	73.5	57.4
9 Primary Oil and Gas	58.7	58.5	59.4	57.9	59.2	58.6	58.1	46.1

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(1949=100)

for coal and some items of furniture, floor coverings, textiles and utensils and equipment.

The Clothing index increased 0.9 per cent from 112.1 to 113.1. Most of this movement was due to the effect of the sales tax which offset sale prices for men's clothing. Price increases occurred for laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repairs.

The Transportation index rose 0.7 per cent from 139.0 to 140.0. In automobile operation, higher prices were reported for repairs and servicing and some price increases were in evidence on year-end 1961 passenger cars. Prices for automobile tires were lower. The local transportation index increased as a result of higher bus fares in two Ontario cities.

The Health and Personal Care component increased 0.3 per cent from 154.6 to 155.0, the Recreation and Reading index 0.9 per cent from 145.4 to 146.7 and the Tobacco and Alcohol index 1.0 per cent from 116.1 to 117.3. The increases in all three indexes resulted from the direct impact of the Ontario sales tax on items included in the groups.



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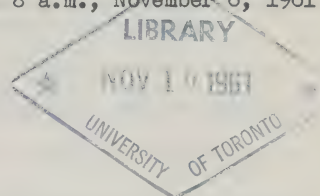
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose a fractional 0.1 per cent from 129.1 to 129.2 between the beginning of September and October 1961. Increases occurred in the Food, Housing, Clothing, and Health and Personal Care components, while the Recreation and Reading component fell below its September level. Both the Transportation, and Tobacco and Alcohol components were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1961		
		October	September	August
All-Items	100	129.2	129.1	129.1
Food	27	123.3	123.2	125.3
Housing (2)	32	133.6	133.5	132.9
Clothing	11	113.6	113.1	112.1
Transportation	12	140.0	140.0	139.0
Health and Personal Care	7	155.3	155.0	154.6
Recreation and Reading	5	146.2	146.7	145.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.3	117.3	116.1

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index increased 0.1 per cent from 123.2 to 123.3 as higher prices were reported for a number of food items, including tea, eggs, citrus fruits, fresh tomatoes, lettuce, some canned and frozen fruits and vegetables, beef, pork and veal. Prices were substantially lower for most fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly apples and grapes. Price declines also occurred for chicken, turkey, margarine, chocolate bars, coffee and bread, the latter change arising from a local price situation in Vancouver.

The Housing component rose 0.1 per cent from 133.5 to 133.6 as an increase in the shelter index more than balanced a decline in the household operation index. In shelter, both the rent and home-ownership indexes were higher while in the household operation index, higher prices for coal, gas

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939=100)

The index of 30 industrial materials moved down

0.4 per cent in the three-week period September 29th to October 20th. Price declines were reported for nine commodities headed by raw sugar, hogs, oats, and tin.

The price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets edged fractionally higher in the same period. The Animal Products index advanced 0.1 per cent reflecting higher prices on Eastern markets for eggs, butterfat and wool, on Western markets for fluid milk, calves and steers, and for lambs both East and West. Prices were lower for hogs, both East and West, for calves in the East, and eggs in the West. The Field Products index eased 0.1 per cent as lower prices were reported for corn in the East, hay in the West, and for potatoes on both markets. Increases occurred for rye on both Eastern and Western markets and for peas and wheat in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939=100)

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 27th	Oct. 20th	Oct. 13th	Oct. 6th	Sept. 29th	Oct. ^(P) 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1960
Industrial Materials.....	A V A I L A B L E	247.7	247.8	248.3	248.8	247.9	247.8	238.5
Canadian Farm Products		217.2	217.1	216.4	217.1	216.9	216.7	215.6
Field		158.9	159.3	159.0	159.0	159.1	159.8	161.9
Animal.....		275.6	274.9	273.8	275.3	274.8	273.7	269.4
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		234.8	234.7	234.3	235.4	234.6	235.1	235.7
Western Canada		199.7	199.5	198.5	198.8	199.2	198.4	195.6

(1) - All 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1960 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1935-39 = 100, moved down 1.6 per cent in the four-week period September 28th to October 26th. Among major groups, the Industrials index declined 2.3 per cent while Banks and Utilities rose 1.5 per cent and 0.9 per cent respectively. Within Industrials, losses for six sub-groups were led by Industrial Mines, down 6.1 per cent from 330.0 to 310.0, Pulp and Paper, down 4.8 per cent from 1,335.9 to 1,272.0, and Machinery and Equipment, down 2.5 per cent from 674.9 to 657.9. Textiles and Clothing advanced 6.6 per cent from 225.4 to 240.3. Two Utilities sub-groups moved higher, with Transportation up 2.9 per cent from 322.7 to 332.2, and Telephones up 1.3 per cent from 150.3 to 152.2, while Power and Traction declined 1.2 per cent from 216.0 to 213.5.

The Mining Stock index rose 3.5 per cent reflecting increases of 3.8 per cent for Golds and 3.2 per cent for Base Metals.

In the same period, three of the supplementary indexes, on the base 1956 = 100, showed gains as follows: Uraniums up 9.0 per cent, Primary Oils and Gas up 4.4 per cent, and Investment and Loan up 0.2 per cent. A decline of 1.5 per cent was recorded for Pipelines.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 26th	Oct. 19th	Oct. 12th	Oct. 5th	Sept. 28th	Oct. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
88 Common Stocks	316.5	320.1	320.7	319.4	321.6	319.2	325.9	241.7
Industrials(69).....	328.6	333.0	333.8	332.7	336.5	332.0	341.4	246.5
Utilities(13).....	225.2	227.6	227.7	226.8	223.1	226.8	224.0	187.8
Banks(6).....	406.4	405.4	404.2	399.9	400.5	404.0	406.2	318.6
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	131.8	132.1	131.2	129.4	127.3	131.1	131.2	107.4
Golds(21).....	84.1	83.1	81.9	80.9	81.0	82.5	83.3	79.9
Base Metals(6).....	240.9	244.2	244.0	240.5	233.4	242.4	241.0	170.3
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	142.0	139.6	141.9	146.0	144.1	142.4	139.9	105.7
5 Investment and loan	190.1	193.1	195.5	193.4	189.8	193.0	191.6	123.1
7 Uraniums	78.5	75.6	75.8	73.9	72.0	76.0	72.8	59.5
9 Primary Oil and Gas	61.3	58.5	59.0	59.1	58.7	59.5	58.6	41.1

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

and textiles offset lower prices for utensils and equipment, supplies and services and some items of furniture and appliances.

The Clothing index rose 0.4 per cent from 113.1 to 113.6 as a result of increases in the women's and children's wear group indexes. Indexes for men's wear, footwear, piece goods, clothing services and jewellery were unchanged.

The Transportation index was unchanged at 140.0. A fractional decline in the automobile operation component, resulting from lower gasoline prices, was not sufficient to move the index.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.2 per cent from 155.0 to 155.3 as a result of higher fees for doctors, dentists and optical care. Personal care was down slightly with price decreases for toilet soap.

The Recreation and Reading index declined 0.3 per cent from 146.7 to 146.2, reflecting lower prices for radios, television sets, phonograph records and bicycles in the recreation group. Prices for admissions to sporting events were somewhat higher.

No price changes occurred in the Tobacco and Alcohol group and the index remained unchanged at 117.3.



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 per cent from 129.2 to 129.7 between October and November 1961. Increases occurred in six of the seven component groups while the Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at its October level.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1961		
		November	October	September
All-Items	100	129.7	129.2	129.1
Food	27	123.6	123.3	123.2
Housing (2)	32	133.7	133.6	133.5
Clothing	11	114.0	113.6	113.1
Transportation	12	141.5	140.0	140.0
Health and Personal Care	7	156.7	155.3	155.0
Recreation and Reading	5	146.3	146.2	146.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.3	117.3	117.3

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index increased 0.2 per cent from 123.3 to 123.6 as higher prices occurred for eggs, fresh tomatoes, celery, turkey, powdered skim milk, flour, tea and instant coffee. Lower prices were reported for fresh pork, lamb, chicken, some beef cuts, and most fresh and canned vegetables.

The Housing index rose 0.1 per cent from 133.6 to 133.7 as both the shelter and household operation components increased 0.1 per cent. In shelter, the rent index was unchanged but the home-ownership index was up 0.3 per cent. Within household operation, increases for textiles, utensils and equipment, and household supplies more than balanced decreases for fuel, furniture and floor coverings.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 industrial materials edged up 0.1 per cent in the four-week period October 27th to November 24th. Prices for 9 commodities advanced and 10 declined, while 11 remained unchanged. These changes included increases for cottonseed oil, raw wool, steers, wheat and tin, and lower prices for steel scrap, domestic lead, domestic zinc, raw rubber, sisal, linseed oil, oats, raw sugar, white lead, and fir timber.

In the same four-week period, the index of prices of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 1.3 per cent. The Animal Products index rose 2.2 per cent reflecting higher prices for steers and calves on both Eastern and Western markets, and raw wool in the West. Prices were lower for eggs, both East and West, and for poultry and raw wool in the East. The Field Products index eased 0.3 per cent. Showing lower were potatoes and hay on both markets, tobacco in the East, and rye and flax in the West. Higher prices were recorded in the East for rye, corn, peas and wheat.

Indexes have been revised to incorporate an interim payment of 10 cents per bushel for all grades of Western wheat for the crop year August 1960 - July 1961 announced November 2nd.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 24th	Nov. 17th	Nov. 10th	Nov. 3rd	Oct. 27th	Nov. (P) 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1960
Industrial Materials.....	246.4	245.8	247.3	245.9	246.2	246.4	246.6	236.0
Canadian Farm Products	218.5	216.6	214.5	213.6	215.7	215.8	217.3	218.7
Field	158.4	158.2	158.5	158.4	158.9	158.4	159.3	167.8
Animal.....	278.5	275.0	270.5	268.8	272.5	273.2	275.3	269.7
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	235.2	233.6	231.3	230.3	232.4	232.6	234.7	235.9
Western Canada	201.8	199.6	197.7	197.0	199.0	199.0	199.8	201.5

(1) - All 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1960 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1935-39 = 100, moved up 2.8 per cent in the four-week period October 26th to November 23rd. Increases for major groups were: Utilities, 3.3 per cent, Industrials, 2.8 per cent and Banks, 2.2 per cent. A new high of 415.4 was reached in the fourth week for Banks. Three Utilities sub-groups moved higher, with Telephones rising 4.8 per cent from 152.2 to 159.5, a new all-time high, and Power and Traction, 2.2 per cent from 213.5 to 218.1. Seven sub-groups within Industrials advanced, led by Oils up 5.7 per cent from 231.4 to 244.5, Beverages up 5.2 per cent from 958.0 to 1,007.7, a new all-time high, and Pulp and Paper up 4.7 per cent from 1,272.0 to 1,331.8. Two sub-groups moved against the trend to show declines of 5.3 per cent for Milling and Grains, from 257.6 to 244.0, and 0.7 per cent for Industrial Mines from 310.0 to 307.7.

The index of Mining Stocks, on the base 1935-39 = 100, rose 6.2 per cent in the period under review, reflecting increases of 9.5 per cent for Base Metals, and 2.1 per cent for Golds.

Three of the supplementary indexes, on the base 1956 = 100, showed gains as follows: Primary Oils and Gas up 11.7 per cent, Investment and Loan up 11.6 per cent, and Pipelines up 5.6 per cent. The index for Uraniums declined 2.8 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 23rd	Nov. 16th	Nov. 9th	Nov. 2nd	Oct. 26th	Nov.(P) 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
88 Common Stocks	325.3	328.0	326.5	322.0	316.5	325.4	319.2	251.1
Industrials (69)	337.7	341.7	340.3	334.5	328.6	338.6	332.0	258.0
Utilities (13)	232.7	231.6	228.7	228.1	225.2	230.3	226.8	188.2
Banks (6)	415.4	414.4	415.3	414.7	406.4	415.0	404.0	328.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	140.0	138.5	135.8	132.2	131.8	136.6	131.1	110.2
Golds (21)	85.9	86.2	84.4	83.3	84.1	85.0	82.5	81.2
Base Metals (6)	263.9	258.3	253.4	244.0	240.9	254.9	242.4	176.9
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	149.9	150.4	149.9	146.4	142.0	149.2	142.4	109.7
5 Investment and loan	212.1	206.0	199.0	194.6	190.1	202.9	193.0	123.8
7 Uraniums	76.3	78.1	80.0	80.7	78.5	78.8	76.0	62.0
9 Primary Oil and Gas	68.5	65.1	65.0	64.5	61.3	65.8	59.5	43.0

(P) Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Clothing index increased 0.4 per cent from 113.6 to 114.0 as higher prices were recorded in the men's, women's and children's wear groups, footwear and piece goods.

The Transportation index moved from 140.0 to 141.5, a rise of 1.1 per cent. This change reflected initial pricing of 1962 model cars in the automobile operation group, up from September prices of 1961 models, but below initial prices on 1961 models in November 1960.

The Health and Personal Care index moved from 155.3 to 156.7, an increase of 0.9 per cent. The health care component was up 0.9 per cent as a result of higher prices for pharmaceuticals while the index of personal care rose 1.0 per cent due to price increases for men's haircuts and women's hairdressing.

The Recreation and Reading index increased a fractional 0.1 per cent from 146.2 to 146.3. The increase reflected higher prices for theatre admissions, camera film, bicycles and sports equipment within the recreation component.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 117.3.



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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.1 per cent from 129.7 to 129.8 between November and December 1961. For the year 1961, the index averaged 129.2, 0.9 per cent above the 1960 index of 128.0.

In the current period, increases in the component indexes for Food, Housing, and Health and Personal Care offset decreases in the Clothing and Transportation indexes. The Recreation and Reading, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1961		
		December	November	October
All-Items	100	129.8	129.7	129.2
Food	27	124.5	123.6	123.3
Housing (2)	32	133.8	133.7	133.6
Clothing	11	113.7	114.0	113.6
Transportation	12	141.1	141.5	140.0
Health and Personal Care	7	156.8	156.7	155.3
Recreation and Reading	5	146.3	146.3	146.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.3	117.3	117.3

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index rose 0.7 per cent from 123.6 to 124.5 as price increases occurred for beef, chicken, turkey and most fresh fruits and vegetables. Lower prices were reported for eggs, grapefruit, pork and powdered skim milk.

The Housing index increased 0.1 per cent from 133.7 to 133.8 with both the shelter and household operation components at slightly higher

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials edged up 0.1 per cent in the three-week period December 1st to December 22nd. Prices for 8 commodities advanced and 7 declined, while 15 remained unchanged. Principal changes were increases for linseed oil, oats, raw rubber, bituminous coal, raw cotton, and cottonseed oil, and lower prices for hogs, sisal and raw sugar.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets eased 0.7 per cent. The Animal Products index declined 1.8 per cent reflecting price decreases for hogs and eggs on both markets and for steers and lambs in the West. Calves in the West, and butterfat on both markets showed moderate increases. The Field Products index rose 1.3 per cent, with higher prices for flax and rye in the West and for wheat, corn and potatoes in the East. Prices were lower for rye in the East and potatoes in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Dec. 29th	Dec. 22nd	Dec. 15th	Dec. 8th	Dec. 1st	Dec.(P) 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960
Industrial Materials.....	A V A I L A B L E	246.9	246.9	247.1	246.7	247.0	244.6	235.2
Canadian Farm Products		216.9	217.0	217.7	218.4	217.2	216.6	222.4
Field		160.5	159.8	158.9	158.5	159.7	158.2	169.8
Animal.....		273.3	274.2	276.5	278.2	274.7	275.0	275.0
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		234.2	234.0	234.4	234.8	234.2	233.6	239.7
Western Canada		199.7	200.0	201.0	201.9	200.2	199.6	205.1

(1) - All 1961 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1960 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of common stocks, on the base 1935-39=100, moved up 2.8 per cent in the four-week period November 30th to December 28th, from 329.5 to a new high of 338.6. Increases for major groups were: Banks, 3.2 per cent, Industrials, 3.1 per cent and Utilities, 0.2 per cent. All-time highs were reached for Industrials at 353.1 in the fourth week, and for Banks at 439.4 in the third week. Indexes for seven sub-groups within Industrials advanced, led by Industrial Mines, up 6.9 per cent from 323.3 to a new high of 345.5, and Machinery and Equipment, up 4.6 per cent from 674.4 to 705.4, while two sub-groups declined, Milling and Grains down 5.3 per cent from 257.8 to 244.1 and Pulp and Paper down 0.5 per cent from 1,350.3 to 1,343.9. Two Utilities sub-groups moved higher with Power and Traction rising 1.7 per cent from 218.4 to 222.2 and Transportation 1.1 per cent from 332.1 to 335.9. Telephones declined fractionally.

The index of Mining Stocks, on the base 1935-39=100, declined 2.6 per cent reflecting a decrease of 6.3 per cent for Golds and an increase of 0.2 per cent for Base Metals.

Two of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956=100 showed gains while two declined as follows: Primary Oils and Gas, up 3.7 per cent; Pipelines, up 3.5 per cent; Uraniums, down 5.6 per cent; and Investment and Loan, down 5.5 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1961 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Dec. 28th	Dec. 21st	Dec. 14th	Dec. 7th	Nov. 30th	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
88 Common Stocks	338.6	332.0	331.0	331.6	329.5	333.3	326.3	260.2
Industrials (69)	353.1	344.9	343.2	344.5	342.5	346.4	339.3	268.0
Utilities (13)	232.6	229.9	232.6	234.0	232.2	232.3	230.7	193.0
Banks (6)	438.9	439.4	436.9	428.7	425.3	436.0	417.0	338.1
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	140.8	138.7	139.8	138.0	144.6	139.3	138.2	108.5
Golds (21)	84.7	84.3	86.3	86.9	90.4	85.6	86.0	78.1
Base Metals (6)	269.1	263.1	262.2	255.1	268.6	262.4	257.6	178.2
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	154.7	152.6	155.5	156.3	149.4	154.8	149.2	109.7
5 Investment and loan	200.6	202.1	205.4	210.3	212.2	204.6	204.8	129.9
6 Uraniums	74.8	73.2	73.8	79.3	79.2	75.3	78.9	59.8
9 Primary Oil and Gas	73.0	72.7	73.6	70.5	70.4	72.4	66.7	40.8

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

levels. In shelter, the rent index was unchanged and the home-ownership index was up 0.3 per cent. In household operation, the increase of 0.1 per cent reflected higher prices for furniture, floor coverings and textiles.

The Clothing index declined 0.3 per cent from 114.0 to 113.7 as a result of lower prices for some items of men's, women's and children's wear, footwear and clothing services.

The Transportation index decreased 0.3 per cent from 141.5 to 141.1 due to lower gasoline prices in several cities.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.1 per cent from 156.7 to 156.8 as the health care component was up but the personal care component was unchanged. In health care, higher premiums in one province for prepaid medical care were responsible for the upward movement.

The Recreation and Reading, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were unchanged at 146.3 and 117.3 respectively.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.1 per cent from 129.8 to 129.7 between the beginning of December 1961 and January 1962. Decreases in the Clothing and Transportation indexes offset increases in the Food, Housing, and Recreation and Reading indexes. The Health and Personal Care, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962	1961	
		January	December	November
All-Items	100	129.7	129.8	129.7
Food	27	124.8	124.5	123.6
Housing (2)	32	134.0	133.8	133.7
Clothing	11	111.6	113.7	114.0
Transportation	12	140.6	141.1	141.5
Health and Personal Care	7	156.8	156.8	156.7
Recreation and Reading	5	146.6	146.3	146.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.3	117.3	117.3

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index rose 0.2 per cent from 124.5 to 124.8 as a result of higher prices for beef, fresh pork, chicken, bread, coffee, oranges and a number of fresh vegetables, particularly cabbage. Lower prices were reported for eggs, cured pork, turkey, grapefruit, bananas, powdered skim milk, orange juice, tomatoes, celery and lettuce.

The Housing index increased 0.1 per cent from 133.8 to
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The index of 30 Industrial Materials moved down

0.3 per cent in the four-week period December 29th to January 26th. Prices for 8 commodities declined and 9 advanced, while 13 remained unchanged. Principal changes included price decreases for linseed oil, raw sugar, oats, bleached sulphite pulp, raw wool, hogs, and steers, and price increases for sisal, cottonseed oil, raw rubber, and fir timber.

In the same four-week period, the index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets decreased 0.9 per cent. The Animal Products index declined 1.4 per cent, reflecting mainly lower prices for calves and steers on both markets, hogs in the East, and eggs and wool in the West. Prices advanced for poultry in the East, and hogs in the West. The Field Products index was down 0.2 per cent with lower prices for peas, barley, and potatoes in the East, and for rye and flax in the West. Showing higher were corn in the East, and potatoes and hay in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 26th	Jan. 19th	Jan. 12th	Jan. 5th	Dec. 29th	Jan.(P) 1962	Dec. 1961	Jan. 1961
Industrial Materials.....	247.3	247.6	247.4	247.7	248.0	247.5	245.7	235.4
Canadian Farm Products	216.6	215.9	216.7	217.3	218.6	216.6	217.0	224.2
Field	160.5	160.8	160.8	160.7	160.8	160.7	159.8	171.2
Animal.....	272.7	271.0	272.6	274.0	276.5	272.6	274.2	277.1
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	233.6	233.5	234.3	234.8	235.4	234.0	234.0	242.6
Western Canada	199.6	198.3	199.0	199.9	201.8	199.2	200.0	205.8

(1) - All 1961 and 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1960 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1935-39=100, moved down 4.6 per cent in the four-week period December 28th to January 25th. Decreases for major groups were: Banks, 6.6 per cent, Industrials, 4.6 per cent, and Utilities, 3.3 per cent. Within Industrials, indexes for all sub-groups changed over the period. Seven sub-groups declined, led by Industrial Mines, down 9.9 per cent from 345.5 to 311.3, Food and Allied Products, down 6.1 per cent from 333.4 to 313.2, and Pulp and Paper, down 4.2 per cent from 1,343.9 to 1,287.0, while two sub-groups advanced, Building Materials up 1.9 per cent from 522.2 to 532.0, and Textiles and Clothing, up 0.9 per cent from 254.7 to 257.0. All three sub-groups within Utilities declined, with Power and Traction down 6.7 per cent from 222.2 to 207.4.

The index of Mining Stocks, on the base 1935-39=100, moved 2.3 per cent lower reflecting decreases of 3.0 per cent for Base Metals and 1.3 per cent for Golds.

Three of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956=100 declined as follows: Primary Oils and Gas, down 14.7 per cent; Investment and Loan, down 4.6 per cent; and Pipelines down 1.3 per cent. The index for Uraniums rose 2.9 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Jan. 25th	Jan. 18th	Jan. 11th	Jan. 4th	Dec. 28th	Jan. 1962	Dec. 1961	Jan. 1961
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
88 Common Stocks	322.9	326.9	335.0	340.3	338.6	331.3	333.3	276.6
Industrials (69)	336.8	340.9	349.3	355.6	353.1	345.6	346.4	286.0
Utilities (13)	224.9	226.6	231.5	232.5	232.6	228.9	232.3	200.7
Banks (6)	410.1	419.5	430.9	436.5	438.9	424.2	436.0	358.7
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	137.5	139.3	139.6	140.7	140.8	139.3	139.3	115.5
Golds (21)	83.6	85.9	85.3	85.6	84.7	85.1	85.6	83.9
Base Metals (6)	260.9	261.7	263.9	266.8	269.1	263.3	262.4	188.0
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	151.9	153.8	156.3	158.1	154.7	155.0	154.8	116.4
5 Investment and loan	191.4	199.0	198.8	201.3	200.6	197.6	204.6	136.7
6 Uraniums	77.0	76.7	75.1	74.9	74.8	75.9	75.3	65.2
9 Primary Oil and Gas	62.3	70.5	70.8	74.0	73.0	69.4	72.4	46.4

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

134.0 as the shelter index rose 0.2 per cent but the household operation index was unchanged. In shelter, rents remained at December levels while home-ownership costs increased due to higher prices for new houses and repairs. In household operation, lower prices for appliances and textiles balanced higher prices for furniture, fuel and lighting, utensils and equipment, and supplies and services.

The Clothing index declined 1.8 per cent from 113.7 to 111.6, reflecting widespread January sales for men's, women's and children's wear and piece goods, particularly men's suits, overcoats and shirts, women's fur and cloth coats, and suits, and children's parkas.

The Transportation index moved from 141.1 to 140.6, a drop of 0.4 per cent, as a result of lower prices for new passenger cars. Gasoline and tire prices were somewhat higher.

The Health and Personal Care index was unchanged at 156.8. The health care component remained at its December level and minor and scattered increases in personal care were not sufficient to move the index.

The Recreation and Reading index increased 0.2 per cent from 146.3 to 146.6. An increase in newspaper prices in Montreal moved the reading index, which more than balanced lower prices for radios and phonograph records in the recreation index.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 117.3.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

Between January and February 1962, the Consumer Price Index edged up from 129.7 to 129.8, a rise of 0.1 per cent. Increases occurred in the Food, Clothing, Transportation, Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading indexes. The Tobacco and Alcohol index decreased while the Housing index was unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962		1961
		February	January	December
All-Items	100	129.8	129.7	129.8
Food	27	125.0	124.8	124.5
Housing (2)	32	134.0	134.0	133.8
Clothing	11	111.8	111.6	113.7
Transportation	12	140.7	140.6	141.1
Health and Personal Care	7	157.2	156.8	156.8
Recreation and Reading	5	146.7	146.6	146.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.2	117.3	117.3

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
- (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index increased 0.2 per cent from 124.8 to 125.0 as sharply higher prices were reported for a number of fresh vegetables, mainly imported, including carrots, cabbage, lettuce and onions. Prices were also higher for bread, eggs, oranges, coffee, tea, veal, turkey and powdered skim milk. Prices were lower for beef, pork, chicken, frozen orange juice, fresh tomatoes and fats.

The Housing index was unchanged at 134.0. With the shelter
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939=100)

The index of Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average of 30 prices, edged up 0.4 per cent in the three-week period January 26th to February 16th. Prices for 11 commodities advanced and 4 declined, while 15 remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for raw sugar, sisal, fir timber, linseed oil, raw rubber, tin, and hogs, and decreases for steers, beef hides, and domestic lead.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved down 0.2 per cent. The Animal Products index declined 0.7 per cent, reflecting mainly lower prices for steers on both Eastern and Western markets and butterfat in the East. Prices advanced for calves, hogs and eggs, both East and West, and for poultry in the East. The Field Products index moved up 0.6 per cent as a result of higher prices for wheat in the East, hay and rye in the West, and potatoes in both regions.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

		1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Feb. 23rd	Feb. 16th	Feb. 9th	Feb. 2nd	Jan. 26th	Feb.(P) 1962	Jan. 1962	Feb. 1961
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E		248.0	248.2	247.2	247.1	247.8	245.2	238.1
Canadian Farm Products ...			216.2	216.5	215.5	216.7	216.1	215.9	223.6 ^r
Field			161.6	161.0	160.6	160.6	161.1	160.8	170.9 ^r
Animal			270.8	272.0	270.3	272.7	271.0	271.0	276.3
Regional Indexes:									
Eastern Canada	N O T		233.3	233.1	231.5	233.7	232.6	233.5	241.0
Western Canada			199.1	199.9	199.4	199.6	199.5	198.3	206.2

1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1960 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

r - Revised figures.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1935-39=100, moved up 2.0 per cent in the four-week period January 25th to February 22nd. Increases for major groups were: Industrials, 2.2 per cent, Utilities, 1.8 per cent and Banks, 1.4 per cent. Within Industrials, gains for seven of the nine sub-groups were led by Pulp and Paper, up 9.0 per cent from 1,287.0 to a new high of 1,402.4 and Textiles and Clothing, up 5.2 per cent from 257.0 to 270.4. The Beverage sub-group, which reached an all-time high of 1,022.5 in the second week closed the four-week period at 1,015.4 for a 2.2 per cent net gain from 987.3. Two sub-groups within Utilities advanced, with Transportation up 3.6 per cent from 330.8 to 342.6, and Telephones up 2.1 per cent from 153.9 to 157.2, while Power and Traction declined fractionally from 207.4 to 206.7.

The index of Mining Stocks, on the base 1935-39=100, declined 1.5 per cent reflecting a decrease of 2.7 per cent for Base Metals and an increase of 0.2 per cent for Golds.

Four supplementary indexes on the base 1956=100, showed gains as follows: Primary Oils and Gas, 18.9 per cent; Uraniums, 2.6 per cent; Pipelines, 1.8 per cent; and Investment and Loan, 1.6 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Feb. 22nd	Feb. 15th	Feb. 8th	Feb. 1st	Jan. 25th	Feb. 1962	Jan. 1962	Feb. 1961
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
87 Common Stocks	329.5	332.0	330.8	327.1	322.9	329.8	331.3	285.3
Industrials(68).....	344.2	346.4	345.1	341.7	336.8	344.4	345.6	295.7
Utilities(13).....	228.9	232.1	232.1	226.7	224.9	230.0	228.9	205.9
Banks(6).....	415.7	418.6	415.6	413.2	410.1	415.8	424.2	364.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	135.5	134.8	137.8	137.3	137.5	136.4	139.3	110.8
Golds(21).....	83.8	81.9	84.1	83.2	83.6	83.2	85.1	75.9
Base Metals(6).....	253.9	255.9	260.7	261.2	260.9	257.9	263.3	190.8
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	154.6	155.3	155.1	151.5	151.9	154.1	155.0	121.0
5 Investment and loan	194.4	198.6	197.1	195.6	191.4	196.4	197.6	145.3
6 Uraniums	79.0	78.7	78.2	77.0	77.0	78.2	75.9	65.8
9 Primary Oil and Gas	74.1	74.4	74.9	72.1	62.3	73.9	69.4	55.0

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

component unchanged from its January level, a slight decline in household operation was not sufficient to move the index. In shelter, both rents and home-ownership were unchanged. In household operation, sale prices for furniture, floor coverings, and utensils and equipment offset price increases in fuel and lighting.

The Clothing index increased 0.2 per cent from 111.6 to 111.8 as a number of items of men's, women's and children's wear, and piece goods moved up from January sales levels; other items in these groups reflected continuing mid-winter sales. Shoe prices rose slightly.

The Transportation index increased 0.1 per cent from 140.6 to 140.7 as all three component indexes moved higher. The automobile operation index rose as a result of higher gasoline prices, the local transportation index increased because of higher taxi fares and increases in inter-urban bus fares moved the travel index.

The Health and Personal Care index rose 0.3 per cent from 156.8 to 157.2 due to higher doctors' fees in the health care index which more than balanced lower prices for pharmaceuticals, including prescriptions. The personal care index was unchanged, with lower prices for supplies, including toothpaste, toothbrushes and face cream balancing increases for men's haircuts.

The Recreation and Reading index was up 0.1 per cent from 146.6 to 146.7. The recreation component was unchanged but the reading component rose as a result of higher newspaper prices.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index declined 0.1 per cent, from 117.3 to 117.2, with lower cigarette prices in the tobacco index offsetting slightly higher prices for alcoholic beverages resulting from tax changes in Saskatchewan.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.1 per cent from 129.8 to 129.7 between February and March 1962. Decreases in the Food and Transportation indexes offset increases in the Clothing, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes. The Housing, Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading indexes were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962		
		March	February	January
All-Items	100	129.7	129.8	129.7
Food	27	124.4	125.0	124.8
Housing (2)	32	134.0	134.0	134.0
Clothing	11	112.9	111.8	111.6
Transportation	12	139.9	140.7	140.6
Health and Personal Care	7	157.2	157.2	156.8
Recreation and Reading	5	146.7	146.7	146.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.5	117.2	117.3

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index declined 0.5 per cent from 125.0 to 124.4, largely as a result of price decreases for beef ranging up to seven cents per pound for some cuts. Other price declines were generally limited to fats, turkey, bacon and a few fruits and vegetables, particularly bananas and lettuce. Prices were higher for most fresh vegetables, some fruits, eggs and whole milk.

The Housing index was unchanged at 134.0. The shelter component remained at its February level while a slight upward movement in the

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.7 per cent in the four-week period February 23rd to March 23rd. Prices for 11 commodities advanced and 5 declined, while 14 remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for raw wool, linseed oil, sisal, fir timber, steers, raw sugar, hogs and oats, and decreases for iron ore, steel scrap, beef hides, raw rubber and cottonseed oil.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved up 0.5 per cent. The Animal Products index advanced 1.0 per cent reflecting higher prices for lambs, steers, and poultry on Eastern markets, and for hogs, eggs and raw wool at both Eastern and Western points. Showing lower were calves both East and West, and steers in the West. The Field Products index eased 0.4 per cent. Lower prices were reported for peas, rye, wheat and potatoes in the East, while prices advanced for flax, rye and hay in the West.

Indexes have been revised to incorporate final oats and barley prices for the crop year 1960-61, announced December 11, 1961 and January 10, 1962 respectively, and a 10 per cent bushel increase in the initial payment for Western wheat for the crop year 1961-62, announced March 1, 1962.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

(2)	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Mar. 23rd	Mar. 16th	Mar. 9th	Mar. 2nd	Feb. 23rd	Mar. (P) 1962	Feb. 1962	Mar. 1961
Industrial Materials	249.4	248.9	248.8	247.7	247.6	249.0	246.2	240.2
Canadian Farm Products	218.8	217.4	217.6	217.6	217.7	217.9	219.2	219.4 ^r
Field	166.7	167.1	166.7	166.9	167.3	166.8	167.5	170.1 ^r
Animal	270.8	267.8	268.5	268.3	268.1	269.0	270.8	268.6
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	232.7	230.5	230.7	230.1	230.7	231.3	233.3	235.4 ^r
Western Canada	204.8	204.3	204.5	205.2	204.7	204.5	205.1	203.3 ^r

1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1960 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(2) - Index for week of March 30th not available.

(P) - Preliminary, average of last 3 weeks shown.

r - Revised figures.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1935-39=100, moved up 0.6 per cent in the four-week period February 22nd to March 22nd. Among major groups, the Industrial index rose 0.9 per cent while Utilities and Banks declined 0.8 per cent and 0.3 per cent respectively. Within Industrials, gains for five of the nine sub-groups were headed by Building Materials up 4.9 per cent from 533.2 to 559.5, Beverages up 3.4 per cent from 1,015.4 to 1,049.7, and Machinery and Equipment up 3.1 per cent from 674.4 to 695.2. Declines for four sub-groups were led by Oils, down 1.8 per cent from 247.4 to 242.9, and Textiles and Clothing down 1.4 per cent from 270.4 to 266.7. Two Utilities sub-groups moved lower, with Transportation down 2.3 per cent from 342.6 to 334.6 and Power and Traction down 1.7 per cent from 206.7 to 203.1. The remaining sub-group, Telephones, was unchanged at 157.2.

The index of Mining Stocks, on the base 1935-39=100, declined 0.4 per cent reflecting a decrease of 1.4 per cent for Golds and an increase of 0.5 per cent for Base Metals.

Two of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956=100 showed gains while two declined, as follows: Uraniums, up 1.8 per cent; Investment and Loan, up 0.8 per cent; Primary Oils and Gas, down 4.6 per cent; and Pipelines, down 0.8 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Mar. 22nd	Mar. 15th	Mar. 8th	Mar. 1st	Feb. 22nd	Mar. ^(P) 1962	Feb. 1962	Mar. 1961
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
87 Common Stocks	331.5	335.0	333.3	329.2	329.5	332.2	329.8	294.6
Industrials (68)	347.4	351.3	349.1	343.8	344.2	347.9	344.4	307.4
Utilities (13)	227.0	229.8	229.2	229.4	228.9	228.8	230.0	206.2
Banks (6)	414.5	415.5	416.2	413.3	415.7	414.9	415.8	371.8
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	135.0	136.4	136.2	137.2	135.5	136.2	136.4	112.3
Golds (21)	82.6	83.0	84.0	84.8	83.8	83.6	83.2	72.4
Base Metals (6)	255.1	258.8	255.7	257.3	253.9	256.7	257.9	203.6
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	153.3	155.5	155.6	154.7	154.6	154.8	154.1	127.6
5 Investment and loan	196.0	196.4	195.1	194.1	194.4	195.4	196.4	154.4
6 Uraniums	80.4	79.9	78.7	78.5	79.0	79.4	78.2	68.6
9 Primary Oil and Gas	70.7	72.4	73.5	76.2	74.1	73.2	73.9	60.0

(P) - Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

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(1949=100)

household operation component was not sufficient to move the index. In shelter, both rent and home-ownership were unchanged. In household operation, declines in fuel and lighting, and supplies and services, were outweighed by price increases for furniture, floor coverings, textiles, and utensils and equipment.

The Clothing index rose 1.0 per cent from 111.8 to 112.9. Group indexes for men's, women's and children's wear were all higher, largely reflecting further upward movement from sales levels of previous months. Clothing services were up as a result of higher prices for laundry and dry cleaning. Shoe repair prices were slightly lower.

The Transportation index declined 0.6 per cent from 140.7 to 139.9 as lower prices were reported for new passenger cars, tires, lubrication, muffler replacement and brake relining in the automobile operation component. These offset somewhat higher prices for batteries and automobile repairs. Higher bus fares moved the local transportation index.

The Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading indexes remained unchanged at their February levels of 157.2 and 146.7 respectively.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index rose 0.3 per cent from 117.2 to 117.5 as a result of higher prices for alcoholic beverages in Alberta.

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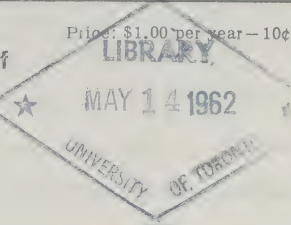
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.5 per cent from 129.7 to 130.3 between March and April 1962. Increases occurred in the Food, Clothing, Transportation, Health and Personal Care, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes. The Housing index was unchanged and the Recreation and Reading declined fractionally.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962		
		April	March	February
All-Items	100	130.3	129.7	129.8
Food	27	125.8	124.4	125.0
Housing (2)	32	134.0	134.0	134.0
Clothing	11	113.2	112.9	111.8
Transportation	12	140.2	139.9	140.7
Health and Personal Care	7	158.1	157.2	157.2
Recreation and Reading	5	146.6	146.7	146.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.9	117.5	117.2

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index was up 1.1 per cent from 124.4 to 125.8 as seasonally higher prices were reported for most fruits and vegetables, particularly cabbage, lettuce, celery and apples. Price increases also occurred for beef, some pork items, chicken and bread. Prices were lower for eggs, frozen orange juice, fresh tomatoes, chocolate bars, and fats, including butter.

The Housing index was unchanged at 134.0. The shelter component was unchanged and a fractional decline in the household operation component
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.1 per cent in the three-week period March 30th to April 19th. Prices for 5 commodities declined and 8 advanced, while 17 remained unchanged. Principal changes included price decreases for beef hides, raw rubber, steers, raw sugar and tin, and increases for domestic lead, raw cotton and hogs.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 0.6 per cent. The Animal Products index rose 1.0 per cent reflecting higher prices for hogs and calves on both Eastern and Western markets, lambs and poultry in the East, and cheesemilk and steers in the West. Prices were lower for eggs, both East and West, and for steers in the East. The Field Products index moved up 0.1 per cent with higher prices for rye on both markets, barley and oats in the East, and hay and potatoes in the West. Showing lower were potatoes and hay in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

		1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Apr. 27th	Apr. 19th	Apr. 13th	Apr. 6th	Mar. 30th	Apr. (P) 1962	Mar. 1962	Apr. 1961
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E		249.6	249.5	250.3	249.9	249.8	247.1	241.7
Canadian Farm Products			220.3	219.2	219.0	218.9	219.5	217.3	225.1 ^r
Field			166.7	166.3	166.3	166.5	166.4	167.1	188.5 ^r
Animal			273.9	272.0	271.6	271.2	272.5	267.5	261.7 ^r
Regional Indexes:									
Eastern Canada	N O T		232.5	231.6	232.2	232.1	232.1	230.3	231.2 ^r
Western Canada			208.1	206.8	205.8	205.7	206.9	204.3	219.0 ^r

- 1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains. The April 1961 index reflects final payments for wheat for the 1960-1961 crop year announced April 2nd, 1962.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

r - Revised, see note 1 above.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1935-39=100, moved down 2.2 per cent in the four-week period March 29th to April 26th. Decreases for major groups were: Industrials, 2.3 per cent, Banks, 1.7 per cent and Utilities, 1.1 per cent. Within Industrials, all nine sub-groups declined, led by Machinery and Equipment, down 7.7 per cent from 690.1 to 637.1, Food and Allied Products, down 3.6 per cent from 310.8 to 299.6 and Milling and Grains down 2.9 per cent from 241.3 to 234.3. The Pulp and Paper sub-group, which reached an all-time high of 1,432.0 in the third week, closed the four-week period at 1,424.8 for an 0.2 per cent loss from 1,428.3. Two sub-groups within Utilities declined, with Telephones down 2.7 per cent from 155.9 to 151.7 and Power and Traction down 0.3 per cent from 200.8 to 200.1, while the third sub-group Transportation advanced 3.4 per cent from 326.8 to 337.8.

The price index of Mining Stocks, on the base 1935-39=100, rose 0.4 per cent reflecting an increase of 1.5 per cent for Golds and a decrease of 0.3 per cent for Base Metals.

Three of the four supplementary price indexes, on the base 1956=100, declined as follows: Investment and Loan, down 4.0 per cent; Primary Oils and Gas, down 3.1 per cent; and Pipelines, down 2.8 per cent. The index for Uraniums rose 1.0 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Apr. 26th	Apr. 18th	Apr. 12th	Apr. 5th	Mar. 29th	Apr. 1962	Mar. 1962	Apr. 1961
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
86 Common Stocks	322.1	326.8	326.5	324.7	329.2	325.0	331.6	304.8
Industrials (67)	337.2	342.1	341.9	339.7	345.3	340.2	347.4	319.6
Utilities (13)	221.9	227.2	225.7	225.9	224.3	225.2	227.9	208.8
Banks (6)	403.3	404.1	405.6	403.2	410.1	404.0	413.9	377.6
Mining Stock Price Index								
27 Stocks	134.0	134.9	135.1	132.5	133.4	134.1	135.6	116.6
Golds (21)	81.5	82.0	82.1	80.5	80.3	81.5	82.9	72.1
Base Metals (6)	254.3	255.9	256.3	251.5	255.0	254.5	256.4	218.2
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	147.5	150.3	151.3	150.7	151.8	150.0	154.2	137.9
5 Investment and loan	184.1	186.7	186.9	184.9	191.8	185.6	194.7	164.8
6 Uraniums	81.5	81.7	81.5	80.2	80.7	81.2	79.6	70.0
9 Primary Oil and Gas	67.9	67.5	67.9	67.9	70.1	67.8	72.6	59.9

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(1949=100)

was not sufficient to move the index. In shelter, rents continued to show stability as the national index of rents was unchanged for the seventh successive month and was only fractionally above the level of a year ago. In contrast, the index for home-ownership continued to edge up in April to stand 1.8 per cent above its April 1961 level. The slight drop in the household operation component of housing resulted mainly from lower electricity rates in Vancouver and Victoria which more than balanced somewhat higher prices for appliances and other homefurnishings. Most household supplies were higher.

The Clothing index moved up 0.3 per cent from 112.9 to 113.2 as prices for men's and children's wear, footwear and piece goods were higher. Some of this movement reflected changes from sale price levels in previous months.

The Transportation index rose 0.2 per cent from 139.9 to 140.2 as a result of price increases for automobile repairs in the automobile operation component and higher fares for air travel in the travel component.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.6 per cent from 157.2 to 158.1 as both the component indexes were up. In health care, higher fees were reported for doctors, dentists and optical care, but prepaid medical care premiums were down for one plan in British Columbia. The increase in personal care reflected higher prices for toilet soap in personal supplies and men's haircuts in personal services.

The Recreation and Reading index decreased 0.1 per cent from 146.7 to 146.6. Lower prices for radios and television sets in the recreation component outweighed price increases for magazines in the reading component.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index rose 0.3 per cent from 117.5 to 117.9 as a result of higher prices for alcoholic beverages in Quebec and Ontario.

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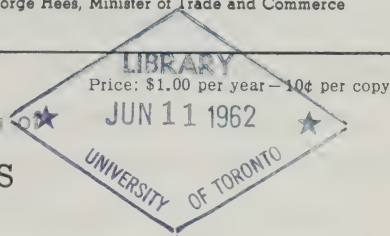
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.2 per cent from 130.3 to 130.1 between the beginning of April and May 1962. Declines in the Food and Clothing indexes offset increases in the Housing, Transportation, Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading indexes. The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962		
		May	April	March
All-Items	100	130.1	130.3	129.7
Food	27	124.5	125.8	124.4
Housing (2)	32	134.5	134.0	134.0
Clothing	11	112.8	113.2	112.9
Transportation	12	140.4	140.2	139.9
Health and Personal Care	7	158.2	158.1	157.2
Recreation and Reading	5	147.1	146.6	146.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.9	117.9	117.5

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
- (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index declined 1.0 per cent from 125.8 to 124.5 as butter prices dropped from seventy to fifty-eight cents per pound and lower prices were also reported for eggs, fats, chicken, and some fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, particularly cabbage. Prices were higher for beef, some pork, lamb, veal, apples, fresh tomatoes and flour.

The Housing index rose 0.4 per cent from 134.0 to 134.5 as the shelter component moved to a higher level but the household operation component
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939=100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 1.2 per cent in the four-week period April 27th to May 25th. Prices for 13 commodities advanced and 6 declined, while 11 remained unchanged. Changes included increases for sisal, raw wool, raw sugar, raw rubber, domestic copper, domestic wheat, bleached sulphite pulp, iron ore, crude oil, raw cotton, fir timber, steers and hogs, and decreases for steel scrap, bituminous coal and linseed oil.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 2.0 per cent. The Field Products index rose 2.3 per cent as potato prices showed sharply higher on both Eastern and Western markets, and more moderate increases were reported for corn, wheat and oats in the East. Prices were lower for hay, both East and West, barley in the East and rye in the West. The Animal Products index moved up 1.8 per cent reflecting higher prices on both Eastern and Western markets for steers, hogs and lambs, for poultry in the East and for raw wool in the West. Showing lower were eggs on both markets, calves and raw wool in the East and fluid milk in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 25th	May 18th	May 11th	May 4th	April 27th	May 1962	April 1962	May 1961
Industrial Materials	252.6	253.6	252.1	251.4	249.6	252.4	247.6	244.0
Canadian Farm Products	224.2	222.8	220.2	219.7	219.7	221.7	219.2	225.8
Field	170.8	168.9	167.9	167.4	166.9	168.8	166.4	187.3
Animal	277.5	276.7	272.5	272.0	272.5	274.7	272.0	264.4
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	237.9	236.9	233.3	232.6	232.1	235.2	231.7	232.9
Western Canada	210.4	208.6	207.1	206.8	207.3	208.2	206.7	218.8

1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P)- Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1935-39=100, moved down 6.7 per cent in the four-week period April 26th to May 24th. Decreases for major groups were: Industrials, 7.3 per cent, Banks, 6.9 per cent, and Utilities, 3.0 per cent. Within Industrials, all nine sub-groups declined, led by Industrial Mines, down 9.2 per cent from 314.7 to 285.9, Building Materials, down 8.8 per cent from 549.9 to 501.4 and Oils 8.5 per cent from 234.1 to 214.2. The Pulp and Paper sub-group, which reached an all-time high of 1,470.9 in the first week, closed the four-week period at 1,342.7 for a 5.8 per cent loss from 1,424.8. Two sub-groups within Utilities declined with Telephones down 4.4 per cent from 151.7 to 145.1 and Transportation down 3.7 per cent from 337.8 to 325.4, while the third sub-group Power and Traction edged up 0.4 per cent from 200.1 to 201.0.

The index of Mining Stocks on the base 1935-39=100, rose 1.6 per cent reflecting an increase of 12.3 per cent for Golds and a decrease of 6.3 per cent for Base Metals.

Four supplementary indexes on the base 1956=100 declined as follows: Primary Oils and Gas, down 13.8 per cent; Investment and Loan, down 10.4 per cent; Pipelines, down 4.3 per cent; and Uraniums, down 3.3 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	May 24th	May 17th	May 10th	May 3rd	April 26th	May (P) 1962	April 1962	May 1961
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
86 Common Stocks	300.4	314.4	318.5	324.0	322.1	314.3	325.0	317.6
Industrials (66)	312.6	328.2	332.5	339.1	337.2	328.1	340.2	333.4
Utilities (14)	215.2	221.4	223.2	225.5	221.9	221.3	225.2	220.7
Banks (6)	375.5	391.3	399.4	400.9	403.3	391.8	404.0	383.4
Mining Stock Price Index								
25 Stocks	136.1	137.8	137.7	139.4	134.0	137.8	134.1	122.5
Golds (17)	91.5	88.0	86.9	88.4	81.5	88.7	81.5	73.6
Base Metals (8)	238.3	251.9	254.1	256.3	254.3	250.2	254.5	234.4
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines	141.2	147.7	147.4	148.2	147.5	146.1	150.0	142.1
8 Investment and loan	164.9	168.9	172.7	182.0	184.1	172.1	185.6	175.9
6 Uraniums	78.8	80.7	82.5	81.4	81.5	80.8	81.2	71.6
9 Primary Oil and Gas	58.5	62.5	64.2	67.1	67.9	63.1	67.8	60.2

(P) - Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

was unchanged. In shelter, rents were unchanged while the home-ownership index was higher. In household operation, lower prices for fuel and furniture balanced higher prices for floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment and household services.

The Clothing index declined 0.4 per cent from 113.2 to 112.8. Somewhat higher prices for men's wear and footwear were more than balanced by lower prices for women's and children's wear, and piece goods.

The Transportation index rose 0.1 per cent from 140.2 to 140.4 as a result of price increases in both the automobile operation and local transportation components. In automobile operation higher automobile insurance premiums offset lower prices for new passenger cars. Higher bus fares moved the local transportation index.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.1 per cent from 158.1 to 158.2. The health care component was unchanged but the personal care component rose as price increases occurred for both men's haircuts and women's hair-dressing.

The Recreation and Reading index moved from 146.6 to 147.1, an increase of 0.3 per cent. Prices were higher for motion picture admissions, bicycles and toys in the recreation component. The reading component was unchanged.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 117.9 as minor price changes for cigarettes and cigarette tobacco failed to move the tobacco index.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 per cent from 130.1 to 130.5 between May and June 1962 as a result of increases in the Food, Housing and Clothing indexes. The Transportation, Health and Personal Care, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were unchanged while the Recreation and Reading index declined fractionally.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962		
		June	May	April
All-Items	100	130.5	130.1	130.3
Food	27	125.6	124.5	125.8
Housing (2)	32	134.9	134.5	134.0
Clothing	11	113.1	112.8	113.2
Transportation	12	140.4	140.4	140.2
Health and Personal Care	7	158.2	158.2	158.1
Recreation and Reading	5	147.0	147.1	146.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.9	117.9	117.9

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index increased 0.9 per cent from 124.5 to 125.6 as higher prices were reported for a wide range of items including beef, fresh and cured pork, lamb, veal, chicken, flour, cheese, cake mix, coffee, most fresh vegetables, grapefruit and apples. Prices were lower for eggs, fresh milk, some fats, strawberries, orange juice and canned vegetables.

The Housing index rose 0.3 per cent from 134.5 to 134.9

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.1 per cent in the three-week period June 1st to June 22nd. Prices for 8 commodities declined and 6 advanced, while 16 were unchanged. Changes included decreases for linseed oil, tin, raw rubber, steel scrap and domestic lead, and increases for hogs, fir timber, raw wool, steers and raw sugar.

In the same period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 1.9 per cent. The Animal Products index rose 3.0 per cent reflecting higher prices on both Eastern and Western markets for hogs, raw wool and steers, and for eggs in the East. Prices were lower for calves both East and West and for eggs in the West. The Field Products index moved up 0.1 per cent as prices advanced for potatoes on both Eastern and Western markets and for oats in the East. Showing lower were prices of flax, rye and hay in the West and rye, hay, barley and peas in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 29th	June 22nd	June 15th	June 8th	June 1st	June ^(P) 1962	May 1962	June 1961
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E	252.8	253.2	252.9	253.0	253.0	251.8	239.7
Canadian Farm Products		229.3	228.8	227.1	225.1	228.4	222.8	228.6
Field		172.2	172.0	172.0	172.0	172.1	168.9	192.5
Animal		286.5	285.7	282.1	278.2	284.8	276.7	264.7
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	N O T	245.2	244.5	242.0	239.3	243.9	236.9	237.8
Western Canada		213.5	213.2	212.2	211.0	213.0	208.6	219.4

1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P)- Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

NOTICE TO USERS OF WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS1935-39 = 100

The Wholesale Price Index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets, 1935-39 = 100, is soon to be replaced by a new series entitled "Index Numbers of Prices Paid for Canadian Primary Farm Products, 1956 = 100". Complete details of commodity content, weighting, and construction methods will be contained in a reference paper which will also carry indexes monthly and annually from January 1956. Subsequent indexes will appear in the monthly publication "Prices and Price Indexes". The reference paper will include comparisons of the old and the new series over the period since 1956.

The major change between the existing and the new indexes relates to the marketing level at which the commodities are priced. The existing index measures the movement of producers' prices at terminal markets. The new indexes will measure the movement of prices paid by purchasers at the point of entry of the farm products into exports, domestic processing, and domestic fresh market. This shift in the pricing point was undertaken to permit production of indexes which are immediately comparable with indexes for past years. Under present marketing procedures for Western grains, particularly wheat, final prices to producers are announced many months after the end of the crop year, during which time indexes are subject to frequent and major revision and lack comparability with preceding crop years. Somewhat similar problems exist where Canadian farm products are marketed under a deficiency payments programme.

The new indexes will measure price movements for three Canadian primary farm product flows at their point of entry into (1) exports, (2a) domestic processing, and (2b) domestic fresh market. Indexes will be produced for each of the three categories and for combinations of them. In addition, animal and vegetable product indexes will be produced for the two domestic series and for domestic and export combined. There will be no regional indexes.

The price reference base for the new index will be 1956 and the indexes will express current prices as a percentage of prices in 1956. Weights, which represent the relative importance of the price movement of each commodity included in the index, will be based on the value of commodities entering each of the three marketing channels during the three year period 1955-57.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1935-39=100, moved down 6.5 per cent in the four-week period May 31st to June 28th. Decreases for major groups were: Banks, 7.5 per cent, Industrials, 6.7 per cent, and Utilities, 4.1 per cent. Within Industrials, all nine sub-groups declined, led by Machinery and Equipment, down 10.3 per cent from 604.5 to 542.1, Milling and Grains, down 8.6 per cent from 219.4 to 200.6 and Oils, down 7.0 per cent from 217.8 to 202.5. All three sub-groups within Utilities declined with Power and Traction down 6.1 per cent from 191.8 to 180.1, Transportation down 4.6 per cent from 318.7 to 304.0 and Telephones down 3.1 per cent from 143.5 to 139.0.

The index of Mining Stocks, on the base 1935-39=100, moved 0.5 per cent lower reflecting a decrease of 3.9 per cent for Base Metals and an increase of 3.5 per cent for Golds.

Four supplementary indexes on the base 1956=100 declined as follows: Investment and Loan, down 14.9 per cent; Primary Oils and Gas, 11.2 per cent; Pipelines, 10.4 per cent; and Uraniums, 7.7 per cent.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	June 28th	June 21st	June 14th	June 7th	May 31st	June 1962	May 1962	June 1961
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
86 Common Stocks	275.2	269.4	277.9	293.2	294.3	278.9	310.3	316.4
Industrials(66).....	285.5	280.8	288.0	305.0	306.1	289.8	323.7	330.9
Utilities(14).....	201.9	198.6	203.8	212.3	210.6	204.2	219.2	223.2
Banks(6).....	342.0	318.9	347.8	362.4	369.7	342.8	387.4	385.5
Mining Stock Price Index								
25 Stocks	130.8	134.7	136.0	134.2	131.4	133.9	136.5	121.9
Golds(17).....	90.9	95.5	96.9	91.2	87.8	93.6	88.5	73.8
Base Metals(8).....	222.3	224.5	225.5	232.6	231.2	226.2	246.4	232.1
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines.....	124.1	120.5	126.6	137.8	138.5	127.2	144.6	137.8
8 Investment and loan.....	136.8	141.1	147.7	156.3	160.8	145.5	169.9	179.6
6 Uraniums	69.2	69.4	70.1	73.8	75.0	70.6	79.7	71.5
9 Primary Oil and Gas.....	52.3	49.5	53.2	59.1	58.9	53.5	62.2	58.2

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

as both the shelter and household operation components moved to higher levels. In shelter, both rents and home-ownership were up. The movement in rents, the first in almost a year, reflected changes which are attributable to the traditional moving month of May. In household operation, prices were higher for furniture, floor coverings, utensils and equipment. Lower prices were recorded for textiles, and supplies and services, the latter index reflecting lower premiums for insurance on household effects.

The Clothing index was up 0.3 per cent from 112.8 to 113.1 as a result of price increases for men's and children's wear, piece goods, and clothing services which includes laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repairs. Women's wear prices were lower.

The Transportation index was unchanged at 140.4. Somewhat higher prices for gasoline, train and bus fares, were not sufficient to move the group index.

The Health and Personal Care index remained at its May level of 158.2. The health care component was lower as a result of price decreases for pharmaceuticals while the personal care index moved up due to higher prices for personal care items, including toothpaste, shaving cream and razor blades.

The Recreation and Reading index declined 0.1 per cent, from 147.1 to 147.0, with lower prices for bicycles and camera film in recreation, offsetting higher prices for sports equipment. The reading index was unchanged.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index remained unchanged at its May level of 117.9.

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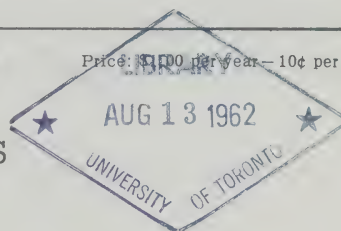
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 per cent from 130.5 to 131.0 between the beginning of June and July 1962 largely as a result of an increase of 1.1 per cent in the Food index. The Housing, Transportation, Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading indexes were also at higher levels. The Clothing index declined and the Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962		
		July	June	May
All-Items	100	131.0	130.5	130.1
Food	27	127.0	125.6	124.5
Housing (2)	32	135.1	134.9	134.5
Clothing	11	112.9	113.1	112.8
Transportation	12	140.7	140.4	140.4
Health and Personal Care	7	158.4	158.2	158.2
Recreation and Reading	5	147.8	147.0	147.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.9	117.9	117.9

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
 (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index rose 1.1 per cent from 125.6 to 127.0 reflecting price increases for most fresh and cured meats, particularly pork and chicken. Beef prices continued to rise. Higher prices were also reported for eggs, flour, coffee, grapefruit, apples, canned fruits and most fresh vegetables, notably tomatoes and potatoes. Lower prices occurred for margarine, powdered skim milk, oranges, bananas, grapes, cabbage and lettuce.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.3 per cent in the three-week period June 29th to July 20th. Prices for 6 commodities advanced and 7 declined, while 17 remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for raw sugar, hogs, linseed oil, steers and raw rubber, and decreases for beef hides and domestic lead.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 2.4 per cent. The Animal Products index moved up 2.7 per cent reflecting higher prices for hogs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets, cheesemilk in the East, and eggs and calves in the West. Prices were lower for lambs both East and West, and for eggs and calves in the East. The Field Products index rose 2.0 per cent reflecting sharply higher potato prices and moderate increases for hay and peas in the East and flax in the West. Showing lower were rye on both markets, oats, barley and corn in the East, and hay and potatoes in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

		1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		July 27th	July 20th	July 13th	July 6th	June 29th	July (P) 1962	June 1962	July 1961
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E		252.6	253.1	252.6	251.9	252.8	251.3	247.7
Canadian Farm Products			235.8	235.3	232.1	230.3	234.4	228.8	228.3
Field			175.7	175.1	172.7	172.3	174.5	172.0	191.3
Animal			296.0	295.5	291.6	288.2	294.4	285.7	265.3
Regional Indexes:									
Eastern Canada	N O T		254.2	253.4	248.6	246.8	252.1	244.5	236.4
Western Canada			217.4	217.3	215.7	213.7	216.8	213.2	220.1

1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P)- Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

REVISED SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1956=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics announces that a revision of the Security Price Indexes on the base 1956 has been completed. Revised annual and monthly indexes from January 1956 are shown on the reverse for the Investors Index, its major components, and the Mining Index. Included in the table are conversion factors which may be used to arithmetically convert indexes preceding January 1956 to the new base.

Indexes on the new price reference base 1956=100, including detailed components, will be published by years from 1952 and by months from September 1960 in the June issue of the monthly publication Prices and Price Indexes (to be released early in August). An accompanying explanatory statement will outline the concept, stock selection, weighting and construction methods. A reference paper, to be released within the next few months, will include available historical indexes on the new base for the Investors, Mining, and Preferred Stock indexes by months and years. Current weekly, monthly and annual indexes on the revised basis will be published regularly in the monthly publications Price Movements (D.B.S. Catalogue No. 62-001) and Prices and Price Indexes (D.B.S. Catalogue No. 62-002).

The price reference base for the new indexes is the year 1956 which has been adopted as an interim base for recently developed D.B.S. indexes. The indexes will express current prices as a percentage of prices in 1956.

Security price indexes measure through time the effect of price change on the value of a portfolio of stocks bought and held by a hypothetical investor (as opposed to the more speculative trader). The portfolio represents stocks of Canadian companies listed on Toronto, Montreal and Canadian stock exchanges. The number of shares held for each issue is in proportion to the total number of shares outstanding. Prices in the common and mining stock indexes are Thursday's closing quotations as reported in the Globe and Mail and the Montreal Gazette. For preferred stocks, prices are monthly weighted averages of the daily closing prices in which weights are daily total sales.

The most important change in the revision of the index, apart from the shift in the price reference base, is the classifications of stocks according to the Standard Industrial Classification. In the continuing major group Industrials 4 sub-groups (Milling and Grains, Food and Allied Products, Machinery and Equipment, and Building Materials) will be replaced by 8 new sub-groups (Foods, Printing and Publishing, Primary Metals, Metal Fabricating, Non-Metallic Minerals, Chemicals, Construction, and Retail Trade). The remaining 5 sub-groups of the former index, viz., Industrial Mines, Beverages, Textiles and Clothing, Pulp and Paper, and Oils (renamed Petroleum) will be continued. The major group Utilities will be continued but the Pipeline index has been added as a sub-group and the previous Power and Traction sub-group will be replaced by two new sub-groups, viz., Electric Power and Gas Distribution. A new major group Finance is composed of the former major group Banks and the former supplementary index Investment and Loan.

In other respects the indexes are essentially unchanged, although constant weights which were previously limited to major groups have been extended to sub-groups. Weights in the index continue to be based on shares outstanding.

Revised Index Numbers of Security Prices, 1956=100, by Year and Month from January 1956

Month and Year	Investors index	Indus- trials	Utili- ties	Finance	Mining(I)	Month and Year	Investors index	Indus- trials	Utili- ties	Finance	Mining(I)
1956	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1959 January	108.3	104.8	110.2	122.5	90.7
1957	96.8	94.8	105.1	95.0	84.2	February	110.5	107.2	110.5	125.7	91.7
1958	94.1	90.6	100.4	102.6	76.1	March	111.2	107.9	110.3	128.1	93.0
1959	110.4	106.8	109.7	128.6	86.8	April	111.0	107.0	111.4	129.1	88.3
1960	104.5	101.7	104.7	117.3	76.6	May	111.7	107.2	112.4	131.9	87.3
1961	132.7	130.0	125.8	154.3	92.5	June	112.0	107.8	110.0	134.2	87.2
1956 January	94.1	93.9	93.0	96.4	92.6	July	112.0	107.8	110.0	134.2	87.2
February	94.0	93.5	97.2	94.0	92.5	August	114.4	110.4	112.8	135.2	87.6
March	100.1	100.5	97.4	101.5	99.6	September	105.9	102.4	103.7	125.0	81.4
April	101.8	102.5	97.6	104.1	101.7	October	106.3	102.3	106.3	125.0	81.9
May	99.9	100.2	99.8	98.9	101.4	November	106.5	102.9	106.7	122.9	82.2
June	98.7	99.8	96.7	96.0	101.5	December	110.4	107.9	108.3	124.9	82.4
July	104.6	105.0	102.8	104.7	107.2	1960 January	108.0	105.5	108.0	119.9	83.6
August	107.8	108.3	106.3	107.3	109.7	February	103.0	100.6	103.7	119.3	80.6
September	103.1	103.2	103.4	102.0	102.5	March	100.3	97.3	103.1	110.8	78.1
October	99.8	99.4	101.3	99.8	99.5	April	103.0	100.6	103.9	113.0	76.6
November	97.2	95.9	102.9	95.6	95.1	May	104.0	102.2	103.1	113.3	71.8
December	99.0	97.8	105.4	96.4	96.6	June	104.7	102.6	103.0	116.8	70.5
1957 January	101.8	100.0	109.9	99.5	96.8	July	102.3	99.6	102.0	115.1	70.2
February	97.8	95.8	107.0	95.3	90.8	August	105.5	102.6	105.2	119.3	74.2
March	99.2	97.4	110.0	93.8	91.8	September	106.0	102.4	106.3	122.5	76.1
April	104.2	102.2	115.5	98.8	95.2	October	102.2	98.3	104.0	118.1	78.3
May	107.6	106.3	117.6	100.5	91.9	November	105.6	102.4	105.7	120.7	80.4
June	107.4	106.1	115.7	102.7	92.3	December	109.4	106.4	108.2	125.1	79.3
July	105.9	104.6	113.7	102.0	90.5	1961 January	115.6	112.7	113.3	132.4	84.4
August	96.9	95.1	104.3	96.1	80.5	February	120.0	117.1	117.3	136.8	81.3
September	91.1	88.7	99.3	91.7	76.8	March	124.8	122.5	120.1	141.6	82.8
October	82.9	80.7	88.4	85.8	69.8	April	129.0	127.1	122.5	146.6	86.1
November	83.6	80.8	90.5	87.8	68.8	May	134.9	130.7	128.2	151.8	90.7
December	82.7	80.1	89.6	86.3	65.8	June	133.6	130.7	128.5	153.6	90.3
1958 January	83.3	80.2	92.3	86.1	67.0	July	136.0	134.4	125.9	156.9	95.5
February	84.8	81.1	94.4	90.0	69.7	August	139.5	138.5	125.1	162.6	100.3
March	86.1	82.8	95.6	89.2	70.5	September	140.1	138.3	128.9	162.7	96.9
April	85.2	81.3	95.1	90.5	69.5	October	136.6	132.8	130.2	162.6	96.8
May	88.9	85.2	96.8	96.4	72.5	November	139.9	135.2	133.6	169.8	102.1
June	92.6	89.1	98.6	100.9	76.1	December	142.0	137.0	135.4	174.2	103.1
July	95.1	91.7	99.8	104.8	75.7	1962 January	140.3	136.2	133.2	169.0	103.1
August	98.6	95.3	103.9	107.6	77.8	February	140.6	137.0	133.8	166.6	100.9
September	100.8	96.9	107.7	110.2	78.2	March	141.4	138.6	132.9	165.4	100.4
October	103.9	100.4	108.7	114.2	84.2	April	138.7	136.7	129.5	160.1	99.2
November	104.9	101.7	106.1	118.5	86.6	May	132.5	130.5	125.8	150.6	100.6
December	104.9	100.9	105.9	122.2	85.1	June	117.6	115.4	114.9	131.6	98.1
Conversion factors (2)	.37416	.36074	.44540	- (3)	.73434						

(1) The Mining index is not included in the Investors Index. The revised index movement reflects the revised weights for the Gold and Base Metals Indexes.
 (2) To convert indexes prior to January 1956 from the 1935-39 to the 1956 base, multiply by the conversion factor shown. The factor represents the percentage which the revised index was of the unrevised index at January 12, 1956.
 (3) The Finance index commenced at January 1956.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1935-39 = 100, moved down 0.7 per cent in the four-week period June 28th to July 26th. Among major groups, Banks and Utilities declined 5.4 per cent and 1.9 per cent respectively while Industrials edged up 0.04 per cent. All three sub-groups within Utilities moved lower with Transportation down 4.4 per cent from 304.0 to 290.5, Telephones down 1.4 per cent from 139.0 to 137.0 and Power and Traction down 1.1 per cent from 180.1 to 178.1. Within Industrials, gains for four of the nine sub-groups were headed by Machinery and Equipment up 4.0 per cent from 542.1 to 564.0, Pulp and Paper up 3.5 per cent from 1,250.8 to 1,294.7 and Textiles and Clothing up 1.7 per cent from 235.7 to 239.6. Declines for five sub-groups were led by Building Materials down 3.0 per cent from 452.7 to 439.0 and Milling and Grains down 3.0 per cent from 200.6 to 194.5.

The index of Mining Stocks declined 1.2 per cent in the period under review, reflecting declines of 1.9 per cent for Base Metals and 0.7 per cent for Golds.

Three of the supplementary indexes on the base 1956 = 100 showed gains while one declined as follows: Primary Oils and Gas up 5.7 per cent; Uraniums up 4.3 per cent; Pipelines up 1.0 per cent; Investment and Loan down 3.5 per cent.

Note: The text and indexes presented on this page are on the base 1935-39 = 100 (except the four supplementary indexes). In the next issue of this publication revised indexes on the base 1956 = 100 will replace the present series.

An outline of the revision and historical indexes on the new base are provided in the insert accompanying this issue. Current indexes on the new base, 1956 = 100, will be found overleaf (on page 4).

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 26th	July 19th	July 12th	July 5th	June 28th	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961
(1935 - 1939 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
86 Common Stocks	273.3	268.2	276.1	272.1	275.2	272.4	278.9	319.3
Industrials(66.)	285.6	279.3	287.5	282.2	285.5	283.6	289.8	335.0
Utilities(14.)	198.0	197.3	202.8	202.3	201.9	200.1	204.2	219.7
Banks(6.)	323.6	320.4	332.1	331.9	342.0	327.0	342.8	391.4
Mining Stock Price Index								
25 Stocks	129.2	135.5	133.6	133.5	130.8	133.0	133.9	129.0
Golds(17.)	90.3	98.8	93.0	93.3	90.9	93.8	93.6	77.2
Base Metals(8.)	218.1	219.6	226.7	225.5	222.3	222.5	226.2	247.4
(1956 = 100)								
5 Pipelines.....	125.4	124.8	130.7	127.7	124.1	127.2	127.2	133.8
8 Investment and loan	132.0	132.7	135.9	135.1	136.8	133.9	145.5	185.2
6 Uraniums	72.2	71.2	67.9	70.7	69.2	70.5	70.6	71.8
9 Primary Oil and Gas	55.3	50.5	51.7	52.8	52.3	52.6	53.5	53.8

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: (Continued from Page 3)

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	July 26th	July 19th	July 12th	July 5th	June 28th	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961
(1956 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
110 Common Stocks.....	115.2	113.7	116.7	115.2	115.7	115.2	117.6	136.0
Industrials... ⁽⁷⁶⁾ ...	114.4	112.3	115.0	113.3	113.8	113.8	115.4	134.4
Utilities.... ⁽²⁰⁾ ...	112.4	112.2	115.6	114.2	113.0	113.6	114.9	125.9
Finance..... ⁽¹⁴⁾ ...	122.4	121.9	125.8	125.4	128.4	123.9	131.6	156.9
Mining Stock Price Index								
25 Stocks.....	94.6	98.9	98.0	97.8	95.9	97.3	98.1	95.5
Golds..... ⁽¹⁷⁾ ...	119.1	130.3	122.8	123.1	120.0	123.8	123.5	101.8
Base Metals.... ⁽⁸⁾ ...	81.2	81.7	84.4	83.9	82.7	82.8	84.2	92.1
Supplementary Indexes								
6 Uraniums.....	72.2	71.2	67.9	70.7	69.2	70.5	70.6	71.8
9 Primary Oils and Gas	55.3	50.5	51.7	52.8	52.3	52.6	53.5	53.8

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index edged up 0.1 per cent from 134.9 to 135.1 with both the shelter and household operation components at slightly higher levels. In shelter, the rent and home-ownership indexes were both up. In household operation, increases occurred in fuel and lighting, floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment and household supplies. Furniture prices were unchanged and appliance prices somewhat lower.

The Clothing index declined 0.2 per cent from 113.1 to 112.9 as a result of sale prices for men's, women's and children's wear and piece goods.

The Transportation index rose 0.2 per cent from 140.4 to 140.7 as higher prices were reported for both domestic and imported passenger cars. Gasoline prices declined slightly.

The Health and Personal Care index was up 0.1 per cent from 158.2 to 158.4 due to price increases for toilet soap in personal care supplies and men's haircuts in services.

The Recreation and Reading index increased 0.5 per cent from 147.0 to 147.8 as the recreation component was unchanged but the reading component was up as a result of price increases for newspapers and imported magazines.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 117.9.

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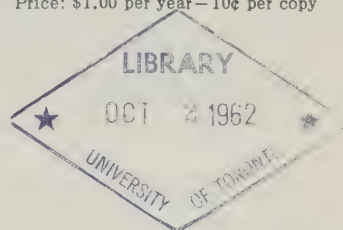
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 per cent from 131.0 to 131.4 between July and August 1962. The increase was caused almost entirely by a further 1.1 per cent rise in the Food index. All other components showed little or no change.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962		
		August	July	June
All-Items	100	131.4	131.0	130.5
Food	27	128.4	127.0	125.6
Housing (2)	32	135.1	135.1	134.9
Clothing	11	112.7	112.9	113.1
Transportation	12	140.8	140.7	140.4
Health and Personal Care	7	158.2	158.4	158.2
Recreation and Reading	5	147.8	147.8	147.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.0	117.9	117.9

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index moved from 127.0 to 128.4, an increase of 1.1 per cent, as a result of a sharp seasonal rise in egg prices and further substantial price increases for beef and pork. Prices for some beef cuts exceeded previous highs recorded in the 1951-52 period. Higher prices were also reported for lamb, chicken, turkey, canned fruits, grapefruit, sugar and flour. Most fresh vegetables and fruits showed seasonal price declines, particularly tomatoes, peaches and grapes.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.6 per cent in the four-week period July 27th to August 24th. Prices for 9 commodities declined and 3 advanced, while 18 remained unchanged. Principal changes included price decreases for oats, rosin, raw rubber, tin, raw cotton, hogs and beef hides, and increases for steers and domestic wheat.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 0.3 per cent. The Animal Products index rose 2.7 per cent reflecting higher prices for eggs, steers and calves on both Eastern and Western markets, poultry in the East, and raw wool in the West. Prices were lower for lambs and hogs, both East and West, and for raw wool in the East. The Field Products index declined 3.8 per cent as lower prices were reported for potatoes, rye and hay on both markets and in the East for corn, barley and oats. Higher prices were recorded for peas in the East and flax in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

(2)	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 24th	Aug. 17th	Aug. 10th	Aug. 3rd	July 27th	Aug. ^(P) 1962	July 1962	Aug. 1961
Industrial Materials	250.8	251.3	250.6	252.0	252.4	250.9	251.2	247.1
Canadian Farm Products	237.1	237.7	237.4	238.0	236.5	237.4	235.1	216.9
Field	170.2	171.7	174.9	176.2	177.0	172.3	174.7	168.5
Animal	303.9	303.6	300.0	299.7	295.9	302.5	295.5	265.4
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	255.9	257.9	258.0	258.8	256.4	257.3	253.4	231.9
Western Canada	218.3	217.5	216.9	217.1	216.5	217.6	216.9	202.0

1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(2) - Index for week of August 31st not available.

(P) - Preliminary, average of last 3 weeks shown.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, rose 7.2 per cent in the four-week period July 26th to August 23rd. Increases for the three major groups were: Finance 9.2 per cent, Industrials 7.2 per cent, and Utilities 6.0 per cent. Within Finance, Investment and Loan advanced 12.0 per cent from 132.0 to 147.8 and Banks 7.6 per cent from 117.3 to 126.2. All sub-groups within Industrials moved higher, led by Primary Metals up 11.5 per cent from 76.7 to 85.5, Beverages up 9.7 per cent from 159.0 to 174.5, Industrial Mines up 9.6 per cent from 115.6 to 126.7, Printing and Publishing up 7.9 per cent from 271.7 to 293.3, and Chemicals up 7.4 per cent from 96.3 to 103.4. Within Utilities all sub-groups advanced, with the larger increases being registered by Gas Distribution, up 13.3 per cent from 161.7 to 183.2, and Electric Power, up 9.2 per cent from 103.4 to 112.9.

The index of Mining Stocks edged 1.0 per cent higher in the period under review, reflecting an increase of 5.3 per cent for Base Metals and a loss of 4.5 per cent for Golds.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Aug. 23rd	Aug. 16th	Aug. 9th	Aug. 2nd	July 26th	Aug. (P) 1962	July 1962	Aug. 1961
(1956 = 100)								
Investors Price Index								
110 Common Stocks.....	123.5	124.1	120.4	118.9	115.2	121.7	115.2	139.5
Industrials... ⁽⁷⁶⁾ ...	122.6	123.2	119.5	118.1	114.4	120.8	113.8	138.5
Utilities.... ⁽²⁰⁾ ...	119.1	119.2	117.2	115.8	112.4	117.8	113.6	125.1
Finance..... ⁽¹¹⁾ ...	133.7	134.5	129.1	126.5	122.4	131.0	123.9	162.6
Mining Stock Price Index								
24 Stocks*..... ⁽¹⁶⁾ ...	95.5	96.2	94.8	95.1	94.6	95.4	97.3	100.3
Golds.*..... ⁽¹⁶⁾ ...	113.8	116.2	118.1	118.4	119.1	116.6	123.8	112.5
Base Metals.... ⁽⁸⁾ ...	85.5	85.2	82.1	82.3	81.2	83.8	82.8	93.6
Supplementary Indexes								
6 Uraniums.....	73.9	73.4	73.3	73.7	72.2	73.6	70.5	73.5
9 Primary Oils and Gas	59.8	59.5	59.9	58.3	55.3	59.4	52.6	58.1

(P) - Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

* - San Antonio Gold Mines Limited was removed from the Gold Index effective August 23rd.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index was unchanged at 135.1. The household operation component remained at its July level while a fractional rise in the shelter component was not sufficient to move the index. In household operation, lower prices for supplies and services, and homefurnishings, the latter reflecting summer sales, balanced price increases for fuel. In shelter, rents were unchanged while property taxes and new house prices moved the home-ownership component slightly upward.

The Clothing index declined 0.2 per cent from 112.9 to 112.7 as summer sale prices were quite general for men's, women's and children's wear. Piece goods prices were higher.

The Transportation index increased 0.1 per cent from 140.7 to 140.8, reflecting price increases for local bus and taxi fares in some cities in the local transportation component. Both the automobile operation and travel components were unchanged.

The Health and Personal Care index decreased 0.1 per cent from 158.4 to 158.2. Lower prices for some pharmaceuticals in the health care component offset higher prices for personal care items.

The Recreation and Reading index was unchanged at 147.8 while the Tobacco and Alcohol index rose 0.1 per cent from 117.9 to 118.0 as a result of minor price changes for cigarettes and liquor.

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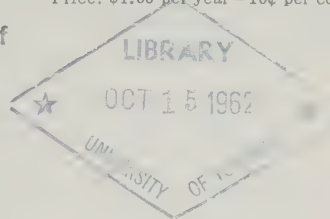
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.3 per cent from 131.4 to 131.0 between August and September 1962. The September index was 1.5 per cent above the index of 129.1 a year ago. In the current period, a 1.2 per cent drop in the Food index accounted for most of the movement in the All-Items index, with more moderate declines also occurring in the Transportation, and Recreation and Reading indexes. The Health and Personal Care, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were unchanged while the Housing and Clothing indexes were higher.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962			1961
		September	August	July	September
All-Items	100	131.0	131.4	131.0	129.1
Food	27	126.8	128.4	127.0	123.2
Housing (2)	32	135.2	135.1	135.1	133.5
Clothing	11	113.3	112.7	112.9	113.1
Transportation	12	140.3	140.8	140.7	140.0
Health and Personal Care	7	158.2	158.2	158.4	155.0
Recreation and Reading	5	147.6	147.8	147.8	146.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.0	118.0	117.9	117.3

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
- (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index declined 1.2 per cent from 128.4 to 126.8 despite further price increases for beef and higher prices for cured pork, eggs, poultry, citrus fruits, bananas and fats. These were more than balanced by sharp seasonal declines for a wide range of fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly potatoes, tomatoes, corn, apples, peaches and grapes. Price declines also occurred for fresh pork and butter.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹

(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.2 per cent in the three-week period August 31st to September 21st. Prices for 8 commodities declined and 6 advanced, while 16 remained unchanged. Changes included decreases for linseed oil, raw sugar, raw wool, fir timber and oats, and increases for hogs, beef hides and raw rubber.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved down 0.1 per cent. The Field Products index declined 1.6 per cent, reflecting mainly lower prices for potatoes on both Eastern and Western markets, peas and barley in the East and flax in the West. Prices advanced for oats and hay in the East and rye in the West. The Animal Products index moved up 0.8 per cent as higher prices were reported in the East for eggs, hogs, cheesemilk and poultry and for calves both East and West. Showing lower were prices of raw wool and eggs in the East, and lambs both East and West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

		1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Sept. 28th	Sept. 21st	Sept. 14th	Sept. 7th	Aug. 31st	Sept. ^(P) 1962	Aug. 1962	Sept. 1961
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E		248.6	248.5	248.8	249.0	248.6	249.5	247.8
Canadian Farm Products			233.5	231.8	231.6	233.7	232.3	237.7	219.0
Field			165.7	166.0	167.1	168.4	166.3	171.7	165.7
Animal			301.3	297.5	296.1	298.9	298.3	303.7	272.3
Regional Indexes:	N O T								
Eastern Canada			249.9	247.5	247.3	250.2	248.2	258.0	234.2
Western Canada			217.2	216.0	215.9	217.1	216.4	217.5	203.9

1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1956=100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, fell 4.2 per cent in the four-week period August 30th to September 27th. Declines for the three major groups were: Industrials 5.2 per cent from 120.2 to 113.9, Finance 2.3 per cent from 132.2 to 129.2, and Utilities 2.1 per cent from 118.4 to 115.9. Within Industrials, indexes for twelve sub-groups declined with decreases ranging from 0.3 to 10.0 per cent while one sub-group, Petroleums, advanced 3.0 per cent. The decreases among Industrial sub-groups were headed by Primary Metals down 10.0 per cent from 83.0 to 74.7, Industrial Mines down 8.1 per cent from 120.6 to 110.8, Construction down 7.8 per cent from 80.0 to 73.8, and Printing and Publishing, down 7.2 per cent from 291.3 to 270.2. Within Finance, the index for the Investment and Loan sub-group declined 5.1 per cent from 146.4 to 138.9, while Banks eased 0.6 per cent from 124.7 to 124.0. Within Utilities, three sub-groups declined, headed by Transportation, down 5.4 from 77.1 to 72.9, while Pipelines edged up 0.5 per cent from 132.6 to 133.3.

The index of Mining Stocks in the same period fell 5.4 per cent from 94.7 to 89.6 as the index for Base Metals declined 5.6 per cent from 83.3 to 78.6 and that for Golds 5.0 per cent from 115.6 to 109.8.

Of the two supplementary indexes, Primary Oils and Gas rose 2.7 per cent from 58.3 to 59.9 while Uraniums moved 0.8 per cent lower from 75.0 to 74.4.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956=100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Sept. 27th	Sept. 20th	Sept. 13th	Sept. 6th	Aug. 30th	Sept. 1962	Aug. 1962	Sept. 1961
Investors Price Index									
Total Index.....	110	116.5	119.4	120.9	121.8	121.6	119.6	121.7	140.1
Industrials.....	76	113.9	117.1	119.3	120.3	120.2	117.6	120.7	138.3
Utilities.....	20	115.9	118.5	118.9	119.0	118.4	118.1	117.9	128.9
Finance..... ⁽¹⁾	14	129.2	131.4	130.8	132.3	132.2	130.9	131.2	162.7
Banks.....	6	124.0	126.5	124.4	125.0	124.7	125.0	125.4	147.3
Mining Stock Price Index									
Total Index.....	24	89.6	91.6	93.0	95.0	94.7	92.3	95.3	96.9
Golds.....	16	109.8	113.6	114.1	118.5	115.6	114.0	116.4	109.9
Base Metals.....	8	78.6	79.5	81.4	82.1	83.3	80.4	83.7	89.7
Supplementary Indexes									
Uraniums.....	6	74.4	76.9	78.2	76.8	75.0	76.6	73.9	72.8
Primary Oils and Gas	9	59.9	62.8	57.8	58.7	58.3	59.8	59.2	58.6

(1) Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index rose 0.1 per cent from 135.1 to 135.2 as the shelter component was unchanged and the household operation component moved to a higher level. In shelter, rents were unchanged but the home-ownership index increased. In household operation, prices were higher for fuel, furniture, floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment, with household supply prices lower.

The Clothing index rose 0.5 per cent from 112.7 to 113.3 as a number of items of men's, women's and children's wear showed prices not only up from summer sales levels but advancing beyond pre-sales levels. Prices were also higher for men's shoes, piece goods and clothing services which cover laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repairs.

The Transportation index declined 0.4 per cent from 140.8 to 140.3 as a result of a drop in the automobile operation component. Lower prices for new passenger cars, gasoline, tires, muffler replacement and batteries offset price increases for lubrication, fender repairs and brake relining. In passenger cars, most cities reported seasonal declines for year-end 1962 models although prices held generally firm with a scatter of price increases for some models.

The Health and Personal Care index was unchanged at 158.2. The health component remained at its previous level and a fractional decline in the personal care component was not sufficient to move the index.

The Recreation and Reading index declined 0.1 per cent from 147.8 to 147.6 as the reading component was unchanged and lower prices for bicycles and television repairs moved the recreation component.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 118.0.

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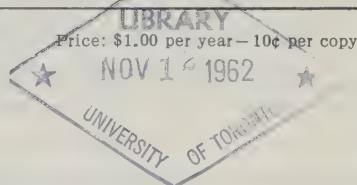
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 per cent from 131.0 to 131.5 between September and October 1962. The October index was 1.8 per cent higher than the October 1961 index of 129.2. In the current period, the Food, Housing, Clothing, Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading indexes all moved to higher levels. The Transportation index declined and the Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962			1961
		October	September	August	October
All-Items	100	131.5	131.0	131.4	129.2
Food	27	127.2	126.8	128.4	123.3
Housing (2)	32	135.4	135.2	135.1	133.6
Clothing	11	115.6	113.3	112.7	113.6
Transportation	12	139.9	140.3	140.8	140.0
Health and Personal Care	7	160.0	158.2	158.2	155.3
Recreation and Reading	5	147.8	147.6	147.8	146.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.0	118.0	118.0	117.3

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
 (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index rose 0.3 per cent from 126.8 to 127.2 as higher prices occurred for eggs, beef, pork, citrus fruits, tomatoes and lettuce. Prices declined for most other fresh vegetables, apples, ham and turkey.

The Housing index increased 0.1 per cent from 135.2 to 135.4 with both the shelter and household operation components up. In shelter, rents were unchanged but the home-ownership index was higher. In household operation, lower

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.1 per cent in the four-week period September 28th to October 26th. Prices for 9 commodities declined and 5 advanced, while 16 remained unchanged. Principal changes included price decreases for hogs, steel scrap, bleached sulphite pulp, linseed oil, beef hides and oats, and increases for raw sugar, raw rubber and raw wool.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved down 1.9 per cent. The Animal Products index declined 2.8 per cent as lower prices were reported for hogs, lambs and eggs on both Eastern and Western markets, and for calves and steers in the West. Prices were higher for raw wool both East and West, and for fluid milk in the West. The Field Products index eased 0.2 per cent reflecting mainly lower prices for potatoes on both markets, and flax in the West. Higher prices were recorded for hay and rye both East and West, and for barley and oats in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Oct. 26th	Oct. 19th	Oct. 12th	Oct. 5th	Sept. 28th	Oct. 1962 ^(P)	Sept. 1962	Oct. 1961
Industrial Materials	248.1	246.7	246.8	247.8	248.4	247.4	246.7	246.6
Canadian Farm Products	229.7	232.1	232.3	234.3	234.1	232.1	231.7	220.3
Field	165.5	166.0	165.8	166.0	165.9	165.8	165.9	165.3
Animal	293.8	298.2	298.8	302.5	302.3	298.3	297.5	275.3
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	245.8	248.4	248.3	250.6	251.2	248.3	247.4	234.7
Western Canada	213.6	215.9	216.3	218.0	217.1	216.0	216.0	205.8

1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1956=100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, moved down 1.3 per cent in the four-week period September 27th to October 25th. Among the three major groups, Industrials declined 1.1 per cent from 113.9 to 112.7 and Utilities 3.4 per cent from 115.9 to 112.0 while Finance edged up 0.5 per cent from 129.2 to 129.9. Within Industrials, indexes for eleven sub-groups declined with decreases ranging from 0.3 to 4.2 per cent while two sub-groups, Printing and Publishing, and Primary Metals rose 4.7 and 2.1 per cent respectively. The decreases among Industrial sub-groups were headed by Petroleum down 4.2 per cent from 100.5 to 96.3, Metal Fabricating down 3.7 per cent from 83.9 to 80.8, and Retail Trade down 3.4 per cent from 145.4 to 140.5. Within Finance, the index for the Investment and Loan sub-group declined 1.9 per cent from 138.9 to 136.3 while Banks rose 2.0 per cent from 124.0 to 126.5. Within Utilities, all five sub-groups moved lower, with declines headed by Gas Distribution down 7.3 per cent from 179.0 to 165.9 and Electric Power down 4.8 per cent from 109.4 to 104.2.

The index of Mining Stocks in the same period fell 5.4 per cent from 89.6 to 84.8 as the index for Base Metals dropped 6.6 per cent from 78.6 to 73.4 and Golds declined 3.7 per cent from 109.8 to 105.7.

The two supplementary indexes declined, with Primary Oils and Gas down 1.3 per cent from 59.9 to 59.1 and Uraniums down 1.7 per cent from 74.4 to 73.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956=100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Oct. 25th	Oct. 18th	Oct. 11th	Oct. 4th	Sept. 27th	Oct. 1962	Sept. 1962	Oct. 1961
Investors Price Index									
Total Index.....	110	115.0	117.0	116.9	116.5	116.5	116.4	119.6	136.6
Industrials.....	76	112.7	114.1	114.5	113.9	113.9	113.8	117.6	132.8
Utilities.....	20	112.0	115.9	115.9	116.5	115.9	115.1	118.1	130.2
Finance..... ⁽¹⁾	14	129.9	131.9	129.3	128.4	129.2	129.9	130.9	162.6
Banks.....	6	126.5	126.0	123.5	121.9	124.0	124.5	125.0	146.5
Mining Stock Price Index									
Total Index.....	24	84.8	87.3	87.1	88.4	89.6	86.9	92.3	96.8
Golds.....	16	105.7	110.3	110.2	109.5	109.8	108.9	114.0	108.8
Base Metals.....	8	73.4	74.7	74.5	76.8	78.6	74.8	80.4	90.2
Supplementary Indexes									
Uraniums.....	6	73.1	74.5	74.9	75.9	74.4	74.6	76.6	76.0
Primary Oils and Gas	9	59.1	61.2	62.0	62.1	59.9	61.1	59.8	59.5

(1) Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

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(1949=100)

prices for most appliances were not sufficient to offset higher prices for furniture, floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment, and household supplies.

The Clothing index rose 2.0 per cent from 113.3 to 115.6. Price increases occurred for most items of men's, women's and children's wear. However, most of the movement resulted from higher prices for women's fur and winter cloth coats, and suits, with the new season's prices for fur and winter coats up from the end of last season as well as above October 1961 levels. Prices for footwear and piece goods were lower.

The Transportation index declined 0.3 per cent from 140.3 to 139.9 as a result of price declines for gasoline. No changes were recorded in the automobile index; prices for 1963 model passenger cars will be reflected in the November index.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 1.1 per cent from 158.2 to 160.0 due to higher fees for doctors, dentists and optical care in the health component as well as a fractional increase in personal care supplies.

The Recreation and Reading index rose 0.1 per cent from 147.6 to 147.8 as higher prices occurred for some items in the recreation component.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 118.0.

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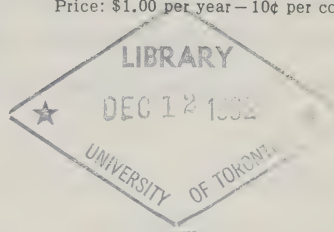
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 per cent from 131.5 to 131.9 between October and November 1962. The November index was 1.7 per cent above the November 1961 index of 129.7. In the current period, higher indexes for Food, Housing, Clothing, Transportation, and Recreation and Reading offset lower indexes for Health and Personal Care, and Tobacco and Alcohol.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962			1961
		November	October	September	November
All-Items	100	131.9	131.5	131.0	129.7
Food	27	127.7	127.2	126.8	123.6
Housing (2)	32	135.6	135.4	135.2	133.7
Clothing	11	116.0	115.6	113.3	114.0
Transportation	12	140.6	139.9	140.3	141.5
Health and Personal Care	7	159.8	160.0	158.2	156.7
Recreation and Reading	5	148.2	147.8	147.6	146.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.8	118.0	118.0	117.3

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index increased 0.4 per cent from 127.2 to 127.7 with higher prices reported for bread, other cereal products, sugar, fats, oranges, bananas, tomatoes, lettuce, celery, some canned fruits and vegetables, ham and turkey. Most beef and pork prices were lower, as were prices for eggs, grapefruit, coffee, apples and most domestically grown fresh vegetables.

The Housing index rose 0.1 per cent from 135.4 to 135.6

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹

(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials,

calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.2 per cent in the three-week period November 2nd to November 23rd. Prices for 10 commodities advanced and 6 declined, while 14 remained unchanged. Changes included increases for hogs, raw sugar, domestic lead, white lead and oats, and decreases for unbleached sulphite pulp, fir timber, linseed oil, beef hides and steers.

In the same three-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 1.2 per cent. The Animal Products index moved up 1.6 per cent reflecting higher prices on both Eastern and Western markets for eggs, lambs, hogs and calves, and for poultry in the East. Prices were lower for steers in the East. The Field Products index rose 0.5 per cent as increases for corn, wheat, rye, peas and potatoes in the East offset decreases for potatoes, rye and flax in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	Nov. 30th	Nov. 23rd	Nov. 16th	Nov. 9th	Nov. 2nd	Nov. (P) 1962	Oct. 1962	Nov. 1961
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E	248.8	248.4	249.3	248.2	248.8	245.1	244.6
Canadian Farm Products		233.2	232.8	232.1	230.4	232.7	232.1	219.6
Field		165.5	165.2	164.7	164.7	165.1	166.0	164.2
Animal		300.8	300.4	299.5	296.1	300.2	298.2	275.0
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	N O T	249.8	249.5	248.3	245.8	249.2	248.4	233.6
Western Canada		216.5	216.2	215.9	215.1	216.2	215.9	205.6

1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base

1956=100, increased 7.9 per cent in the four-week period November 1st to November 29th from 118.3 to 127.7. The three major groups advanced with Industrials up 8.7 per cent from 115.5 to 125.5, Utilities up 4.6 per cent from 116.2 to 121.5 and Finance up 9.3 per cent from 133.9 to 146.4. Within Industrials, indexes for all sub-groups moved up headed by Chemicals up 14.2 per cent from 103.4 to 118.1, Primary Metals up 12.3 per cent from 77.1 to 86.6, Industrial Mines up 11.9 per cent from 113.7 to 127.2, and Metal Fabricating up 11.0 per cent from 85.6 to 95.0. Within Finance, both sub-groups increased with Banks up 7.4 per cent from 129.4 to 139.0 and Investment and Loan up 12.6 per cent from 142.4 to 160.3. Within Utilities, all sub-groups showed increases headed by Gas Distribution up 7.7 per cent from 173.9 to 187.3, Transportation up 6.5 per cent from 76.6 to 81.6 and Pipelines up 5.6 per cent from 136.2 to 143.8.

The index of Mining Stocks, in the same period, rose 3.4 per cent from 86.1 to 89.0 reflecting a 7.6 per cent increase in Base Metals, from 75.3 to 81.0, and a 2.2 per cent decrease in Golds, from 105.9 to 103.6.

Both supplementary indexes advanced, with Uraniums up 2.0 per cent from 76.5 to 78.0 and Primary Oils and Gas up 6.5 per cent from 61.7 to 65.7.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Nov. 29th	Nov. 22nd	Nov. 15th	Nov. 8th	Nov. 1st	Nov. 1962	Oct. 1962	Nov. 1961
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	110	127.7	126.9	125.3	121.1	118.2	123.9	116.4	139.9
Industrials	76	125.5	124.0	122.3	118.6	115.5	121.2	113.8	135.2
Utilities	20	121.5	122.6	122.2	119.2	116.2	120.3	115.1	133.6
Finance ¹	14	146.4	146.3	143.7	135.6	133.9	141.2	129.9	169.8
Banks	6	139.0	140.6	138.8	129.6	129.4	135.5	124.5	151.2
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	89.0	90.6	88.9	87.2	86.1	88.4	86.9	102.1
Golds	16	103.6	105.9	106.2	105.5	105.9	105.4	108.9	113.5
Base Metals	8	81.0	82.2	79.4	77.2	75.3	79.0	74.8	95.9
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	78.0	77.5	78.7	77.2	76.5	77.6	74.6	78.9
Primary Oils and Gas	9	65.7	64.6	63.8	63.9	61.7	63.9	61.1	66.7

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

with both the shelter and household operation components at higher levels. In shelter, rents were unchanged but the home-ownership index was higher. In household operation, prices were higher for fuel, textiles, utensils and equipment, but declined for floor coverings and household supplies.

The Clothing index increased 0.3 per cent from 115.6 to 116.0 as higher prices for men's wear, particularly overcoats, footwear and piece goods outweighed price declines for women's and children's wear.

The Transportation index increased 0.5 per cent from 139.9 to 140.6 as a result of upward movements in the travel and automobile operation components. In travel, some price increases in air travel between Canada and the United States moved the index. In automobile operation, gasoline prices showed further declines but were offset by initial prices for 1963 model cars which were somewhat above the year-end prices of 1962 models priced in September. Prices of 1963 cars were, however, 1.1 per cent below introductory prices of 1962 models a year ago.

The Health and Personal Care index declined 0.1 per cent from 160.0 to 159.8. Lower prices for a number of pharmaceuticals moved the health care component to a lower level and more than balanced fractionally higher prices for personal care items, including men's haircuts and women's hairdressing.

The Recreation and Reading index rose 0.3 per cent from 147.8 to 148.2 as the reading component was unchanged but the recreation component increased, reflecting higher prices for theatre admissions, camera film, bicycles and sports equipment.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index declined 0.2 per cent from 118.0 to 117.8. Alcohol prices were unchanged but cigarette prices were lower.

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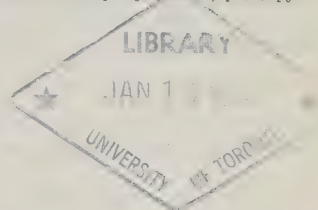
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index was unchanged at 131.9 between November and December 1962. The December index was 1.6 per cent above the index of 129.8 a year ago.

For the year 1962, the index averaged 130.7, 1.2 per cent above the 1961 annual index of 129.2.

In the current period, fractional increases in the Food and Housing indexes balanced declines in the Clothing and Transportation indexes. The three remaining component indexes were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1962			1961
		December	November	October	December
All-Items	100	131.9	131.9	131.5	129.8
Food	27	127.8	127.7	127.2	124.5
Housing (2)	32	135.7	135.6	135.4	133.8
Clothing	11	115.8	116.0	115.6	113.7
Transportation	12	140.2	140.6	139.9	141.1
Health and Personal Care	7	159.8	159.8	160.0	156.8
Recreation and Reading	5	148.2	148.2	147.8	146.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.8	117.8	118.0	117.3

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index increased 0.1 per cent from 127.7 to 127.8 with higher prices for bread and most cereals, sugar, apples and most fresh vegetables,

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.3 per cent in the three-week period November 30th to December 21st. Prices for 4 commodities advanced and 9 declined, while 17 remained unchanged. Changes included increases for raw sugar, sisal, oats and bituminous coal, and decreases for hogs, beef hides, steers, domestic wheat and tin.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products eased down 0.6 per cent. The Animal Products index declined 1.8 per cent reflecting lower prices for eggs, hogs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets, and fluid milk in the West. Prices advanced for calves and lambs both East and West, and for poultry and butterfat in the East. The Field Products index moved up 1.6 per cent with higher prices for rye and potatoes on both markets and for hay, corn, peas, oats, barley and wheat in the East. Showing lower was hay in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Dec. 28th	Dec. 21st	Dec. 14th	Dec. 7th	Nov. 30th	Dec. (P) 1962	Nov. 1962	Dec. 1961
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E	249.5	249.6	249.8	248.8	249.6	246.6	245.7
Canadian Farm Products		229.6	230.0	230.9	230.9	230.0	232.7	220.7 ^r
Field		168.4	167.2	166.8	165.8	167.2	165.1	167.1 ^r
Animal		290.7	292.8	295.1	296.0	292.8	300.3	274.2
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		247.1	247.1	248.2	247.9	247.1	249.3	233.9 ^r
Western Canada		212.0	212.9	213.7	213.9	212.9	216.2	207.4 ^r

1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains. The December 1961 index reflects final payments for oats for the 1961-1962 crop year announced November 26th, 1962.

(P) - Preliminary.

r - Revised, see note 1 above.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index at the end of the four-week period November 29th to December 27th, was 127.7 and was unchanged from the index at the beginning of the period. Changes were recorded, however, for all three major groups within the index with Utilities up 1.2 per cent from 121.5 to 123.0, Finance up 0.9 per cent from 146.4 to 147.7, and Industrials down 0.6 per cent from 125.5 to 124.7. Five of the thirteen sub-groups within Industrials advanced and eight declined. Gains were headed by Non-metallic Minerals, up 4.1 per cent from 100.9 to 105.9 and Beverages up 3.9 per cent from 177.9 to 184.8, while losses were headed by Primary Metals, down 3.7 per cent from 86.6 to 83.4, Chemicals down 3.4 per cent from 118.1 to 114.1 and Pulp and Paper down 3.3 per cent from 114.6 to 110.8. In Utilities, indexes for three sub-groups increased while two declined. Principal changes included increases for Transportation, up 4.3 per cent from 81.6 to 85.1, and Telephones, up 4.3 per cent from 114.2 to 119.1, and a decrease for Pipelines, down 2.6 per cent from 143.8 to 140.0. Both sub-groups within Finance showed small gains, as Banks rose 1.0 per cent from 139.0 to 140.4, and Investment and Loan edged up 0.6 per cent from 160.3 to 161.3.

The index of Mining Stocks, in the same period, dropped 1.3 per cent from 89.0 to 87.8 reflecting losses for both sub-groups. Golds declined 1.6 per cent from 103.6 to 101.9 and Base Metals 1.2 per cent from 81.0 to 80.0.

Changes for the two supplementary indexes were as follows: Uraniums, up 5.8 per cent from 78.0 to 82.5, and Primary Oils and Gas down 1.5 per cent from 65.7 to 64.7.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1962 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Dec. 27th	Dec. 20th	Dec. 13th	Dec. 6th	Nov. 29th	Dec. 1962	Nov. 1962	Dec. 1961
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	110	127.7	126.4	126.2	127.3	127.7	126.9	123.9	142.0
Industrials	76	124.7	123.3	123.4	124.8	125.5	124.0	121.2	137.0
Utilities	20	123.0	122.6	122.3	122.0	121.5	122.5	120.3	135.4
Finance ¹	14	147.7	146.1	144.5	145.8	146.4	146.0	141.2	174.2
Banks	6	140.4	139.4	136.8	137.6	139.0	138.6	135.5	158.1
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	87.8	88.6	88.8	89.1	89.0	88.6	88.4	103.1
Golds	16	101.9	102.4	102.6	103.2	103.6	102.5	105.4	112.9
Base Metals	8	80.0	81.1	81.3	81.4	81.0	81.0	79.0	97.7
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	82.5	83.1	81.9	78.7	78.0	81.6	77.6	75.3
Primary Oils and Gas	9	64.7	65.2	65.7	64.8	65.7	65.1	63.9	72.4

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

particularly tomatoes. Beef and pork prices receded further from their October peaks. Prices were also lower for eggs, citrus fruits, bananas and orange juice.

The Housing index rose 0.1 per cent from 135.6 to 135.7 as both the shelter and household operation components registered upward movement. In shelter, the rent index was unchanged but the home-ownership index was higher. In household operation, higher prices for furniture, textiles, utensils and equipment outweighed lower prices for floor coverings.

The Clothing index declined 0.2 per cent from 116.0 to 115.8. Lower prices for women's and children's wear, particularly winter cloth coats, offset increases for men's wear, footwear, piece goods and clothing services, including laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repairs.

The Transportation index declined 0.3 per cent from 140.6 to 140.2 as a result of further price declines for gasoline. These latest decreases brought the price of gasoline to its lowest level since 1949. Some price increases occurred for automobile tires.

The Health and Personal Care, Recreation and Reading, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes all remained at their November levels of 159.8, 148.2 and 117.8 respectively.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index edged up 0.1 per cent from 131.9 to 132.0 between the beginning of December 1962 and January 1963. Increases in the Food, Housing, and Recreation and Reading indexes outweighed decreases in the Clothing and Transportation indexes. The Health and Personal Care, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were unchanged.

Consumer Prices Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963	1962		1962
		January	December	November	January
All-Items	100	132.0	131.9	131.9	129.7
Food	27	129.0	127.8	127.7	124.8
Housing (2)	32	135.9	135.7	135.6	134.0
Clothing	11	114.7	115.8	116.0	111.6
Transportation	12	139.8	140.2	140.6	140.6
Health and Personal Care	7	159.8	159.8	159.8	156.8
Recreation and Reading	5	148.6	148.2	148.2	146.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.8	117.8	117.8	117.3

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index rose 0.9 per cent from 127.8 to 129.0 as a result of price increases on a wide range of items, including bread, sugar, citrus fruits, bananas, frozen orange juice and imported fresh vegetables. Beef and pork prices continued to decline for the third successive month following their October 1962 peaks. Lower prices were also reported for eggs, turkey and canned vegetables.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials,

calculated as an unweighted geometric average, moved up 1.0 per cent in the four-week period December 28th to January 25th. Prices for 11 commodities advanced and 6 declined, while 13 remained unchanged. Principal changes included a sharp increase for raw sugar, lesser increases for sisal, bituminous coal, domestic lead, hogs, white lead and linseed oil, and decreases for steers, beef hides and fir timber.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products eased 0.7 per cent lower. The Animal Products index declined 2.1 per cent reflecting mainly lower prices for eggs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets. Prices were higher for lambs and hogs both East and West, poultry in the East, and for calves and raw wool in the West. The Field Products index moved up 1.8 per cent as prices advanced for rye on both Eastern and Western markets and for oats, potatoes, corn, wheat, barley and tobacco in the East, and hay and flax in the West. Lower prices were recorded for peas in the East and potatoes in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Jan. 25th	Jan. 18th	Jan. 11th	Jan. 4th	Dec. 28th	Jan. (P) 1963	Dec. 1962	Jan. 1962
Industrial Materials	252.9	252.7	250.9	250.0	250.4	252.7	247.7	245.2
Canadian Farm Products	228.5	227.0	225.1	227.8	230.0	227.0	230.0	220.4 ^r
Field	171.6	170.7	169.8	169.2	168.6	170.7	167.3	169.8 ^r
Animal	285.4	283.3	280.4	286.4	291.4	283.3	292.8	271.0
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	247.5	244.9	242.2	244.0	248.5	244.9	247.3	233.5
Western Canada	209.6	209.2	207.9	211.6	211.5	209.2	212.8	207.4 ^r

1 - All 1962 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains. The January 1962 index reflects final payments for barley for the 1961-1962 crop year announced December 13th, 1962.

(P) - Preliminary.

r - Revised, see note 1 above.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base

1956=100, advanced 5.5 per cent in the four-week period December 27th to January 24th. The three major groups in the index advanced with Utilities up 6.9 per cent from 123.0 to 131.5, Industrials up 5.4 per cent from 124.7 to 131.4, and Finance up 4.4 per cent from 147.7 to 154.2. Within Industrials, indexes for all sub-groups increased headed by Construction up 11.9 per cent from 74.6 to 83.5, Non-metallic Minerals up 11.6 per cent from 105.0 to 117.2, Pulp and Paper up 11.2 per cent from 110.8 to 123.2, Textiles and Clothing up 10.6 per cent from 158.4 to 175.2 and Foods up 10.4 per cent from 159.7 to 176.3. Within Utilities, all sub-groups showed gains headed by Electric Power up 15.4 per cent from 108.8 to 125.6, Gas Distribution up 6.4 per cent from 189.2 to 201.4 and Pipelines up 5.6 per cent from 140.0 to 147.8. Within Finance, both sub-groups advanced as Investment and Loan rose 6.9 per cent from 161.3 to 172.5 and Banks moved up 2.8 per cent from 140.4 to 144.4.

The index of Mining Stocks rose 6.7 per cent from 87.8 to 93.7 in the same period, reflecting increases of 5.7 per cent for Golds from 101.9 to 107.7 and 7.5 per cent for Base Metals from 80.0 to 86.0.

Both supplementary indexes showed higher, with Uraniums up 8.1 per cent from 82.5 to 89.2 and Primary Oils and Gas up 2.0 per cent from 64.7 to 66.0.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Jan. 24th	Jan. 17th	Jan. 10th	Jan. 3rd	Dec. 27th	Jan. (P) 1963	Dec. 1962	Jan. 1962
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	110	134.7	133.3	133.1	130.6	127.7	132.9	126.9	140.3
Industrials	76	131.4	129.6	129.6	126.8	124.7	129.4	124.0	136.2
Utilities	20	131.5	129.9	130.0	128.1	123.0	129.9	122.5	133.2
Finance ¹	14	154.2	154.8	153.5	151.8	147.7	153.6	146.0	169.0
Banks	6	144.4	145.1	143.3	142.3	140.4	143.8	138.6	153.8
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	93.7	91.2	90.9	89.9	87.8	91.4	88.6	103.1
Golds	16	107.7	102.2	103.1	102.7	101.9	103.9	102.5	112.3
Base Metals	8	86.0	85.1	84.2	82.9	80.0	84.6	81.0	98.0
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	89.2	85.2	85.6	84.6	82.5	86.2	81.6	75.9
Primary Oils and Gas	8	66.0	67.0	67.0	64.9	64.7	66.2	65.1	69.4

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index increased 0.1 per cent from 135.7 to 135.9 as the shelter component rose 0.2 per cent but the household operation index was unchanged. In shelter, rents were unchanged while the home-ownership index increased. In household operation, lower prices for appliances, floor coverings and textiles balanced price increases for furniture, utensils and equipment, and household supplies.

The Clothing index declined 0.9 per cent, reflecting widespread January sales for all clothing groups, particularly men's overcoats and suits, women's fur and cloth coats and children's winter coats.

The Transportation index declined 0.3 per cent from 140.2 to 139.8 as a result of further price decreases for gasoline in eastern Canada and somewhat lower prices for new passenger cars. The local transportation index was up slightly due to bus fare increases in one city.

The Recreation and Reading index increased 0.3 per cent from 148.2 to 148.6 as higher prices for television sets and phonograph records moved the recreation component and a price increase for newspapers in one city caused a fractional rise in the reading component.

The Health and Personal Care, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were unchanged at 159.8 and 117.8 respectively.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

FEBRUARY 1963

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

Between January and February 1963, the Consumer Price Index edged up 0.1 per cent from 132.0 to 132.1. The February index was 1.8 per cent above the February 1962 index of 129.8. In the current period, increases in the Food, Clothing, Health and Personal Care, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes offset a decline in the Transportation index. The Housing, and Recreation and Reading indexes were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963		1962	1962
		February	January	December	February
All-Items	100	132.1	132.0	131.9	129.8
Food	27	129.4	129.0	127.8	125.0
Housing (2)	32	135.9	135.9	135.7	134.0
Clothing	11	114.8	114.7	115.8	111.8
Transportation	12	139.6	139.8	140.2	140.7
Health and Personal Care	7	159.9	159.8	159.8	157.2
Recreation and Reading	5	148.6	148.6	148.2	146.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.0	117.8	117.8	117.2

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index rose 0.3 per cent from 129.0 to 129.4 mainly as a result of substantial increases for most fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly imported items, including citrus fruits, bananas, lettuce and cabbage; in contrast, imported fresh tomatoes were at slightly lower levels than in January. Prices for oranges were at their highest levels in almost twenty-five years with

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.4 per cent in the four-week period January 25th to February 22nd. Prices for 7 commodities declined and 7 advanced, while 16 remained unchanged. Principal changes included decreases for beef hides, hogs, steers, raw rubber, oats and crude oil, and increases for raw sugar, sisal, rayon and raw cotton.

In the same four-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved down 1.1 per cent. The Animal Products index declined 2.9 per cent as lower prices were reported for hogs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets, and for calves in the West. Prices were higher for eggs and lambs both East and West, and for poultry in the East and raw wool in the West. The Field Products index advanced 2.1 per cent reflecting sharply higher potato prices and, in the East, moderate increases for hay and peas. Showing lower were rye on both markets, corn and wheat in the East, and hay in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Feb. 22nd	Feb. 15th	Feb. 8th	Feb. 1st	Jan. 25th	Feb.(P) 1963	Jan. 1963	Feb. 1962
Industrial Materials	252.0	251.7	252.2	252.8	252.9	251.7	250.8	246.2
Canadian Farm Products	226.1	224.1	225.7	224.9	228.5	224.1	227.0	220.7
Field	175.2	174.3	173.4	172.2	171.6	174.3	170.7	170.6
Animal	277.1	273.8	278.0	277.7	285.4	273.8	283.3	270.8
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	246.6	243.0	244.5	243.9	247.5	243.0	244.9	233.3
Western Canada	205.7	205.2	206.9	206.0	209.6	205.2	209.2	208.2

1 - All 1962 and 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, decreased 1.9 per cent in the three-week period January 31st to February 21st from 134.4 to 131.9. The three major groups in the index declined as Finance dropped 3.2 per cent from 152.4 to 147.5, Industrials moved down 1.9 per cent from 131.6 to 129.1 and Utilities eased 0.3 per cent from 130.5 to 130.1. Within Finance, indexes for both sub-groups dropped as Banks fell 3.4 per cent from 143.3 to 138.4 and Investment and Loan decreased 2.8 per cent from 169.5 to 164.7. In Industrials, indexes for nine sub-groups decreased and the remaining four increased. Principal changes included decreases for Industrial Mines down 5.0 per cent from 133.2 to 126.6, Construction down 2.8 per cent from 81.5 to 79.2, Retail Trade down 2.8 per cent from 168.0 to 163.3 and Petroleum down 2.6 per cent from 99.3 to 96.7, and increases for Non-metallic Minerals up 7.7 per cent from 116.3 to 125.3 and Textiles and Clothing up 7.2 per cent from 176.8 to 189.6. Within Utilities four sub-groups declined and one rose. The losses were headed by Pipelines and Telephones, both down 1.2 per cent from 145.7 to 144.0, and 123.9 to 122.4 respectively. The index for Gas Distribution advanced 2.9 per cent from 195.8 to 201.4.

The index of Mining Stocks declined 2.8 per cent from 95.0 to 92.3 reflecting a decrease of 5.2 per cent in Base Metals from 86.3 to 81.8 and an increase of 0.5 per cent in Golds from 110.8 to 111.4.

In the supplementary indexes, Uraniums rose 4.3 per cent from 89.4 to 93.2 and Primary Oils and Gas dropped 2.9 per cent from 64.8 to 62.9.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Feb. 28th	Feb. 21st	Feb. 14th	Feb. 7th	Jan. 31st	Feb. (P) 1963	Jan. 1963	Feb. 1962
Investors Price Index:		A V A I L A B L E							
Total Index	110		131.9	132.8	132.8	134.4	132.5	133.2	140.6
Industrials	76		129.1	130.0	130.0	131.6	129.7	129.8	137.0
Utilities	20		130.1	130.3	130.4	130.5	130.3	130.0	133.8
Finance ¹	14		147.5	149.1	149.2	152.4	148.6	153.3	166.6
Banks	6		138.4	140.0	139.5	143.3	139.3	143.7	150.8
Mining Stock Price Index:		A V A I L A B L E							
Total Index	24		92.3	93.9	94.6	95.0	93.6	92.1	100.9
Golds	16		111.4	112.6	112.8	110.8	112.3	105.3	109.8
Base Metals	8		81.8	83.7	84.6	86.3	83.4	84.9	96.0
Supplementary Indexes:		N O T A V A I L A B L E							
Uraniums	6		93.2	91.9	90.9	89.4	92.0	86.8	78.2
Primary Oils and Gas	8		62.9	63.3	62.5	64.8	62.9	65.9	73.9

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

(P) - Preliminary, average of 3 weeks.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

canned and frozen orange juices also close to previous peaks. Sugar prices continued to rise and at the beginning of February were almost at the 1957 peak of 12.8 cents per pound but far below the record level of 22.9 cents per pound reached in August 1920. Egg prices were lower and beef prices continued to show fairly substantial price declines. Sirloin steak, for example, which reached an all-time peak of \$1.16 per pound in October 1962 stood at \$1.03 in February. Fresh pork prices were up somewhat while cured pork declined slightly.

The Housing index was unchanged at 135.9 as the household operation component was unchanged and a fractional increase in the shelter component was not sufficient to move the index. In shelter, the home-ownership index continued its slight but steady upward movement while rents maintained their noticeable stability, unchanged at 143.8 for the ninth successive month and little changed from their February 1962 and February 1961 levels of 143.5 and 143.2 respectively. In household operation, price increases for fuel, particularly fuel oil and higher prices for textiles and household supplies balanced lower prices for furniture, floor coverings and utensils and equipment.

The Clothing index rose a fractional 0.1 per cent from 114.7 to 114.8 as higher prices for men's wear and piece goods outweighed lower prices for women's and children's wear, and footwear.

The Transportation index declined 0.1 per cent from 139.8 to 139.6 as a result of lower prices for gasoline and automobile insurance. In the latter item, lower rates were reported for several cities, including Montreal, which offset rate increases in other cities including Toronto and Vancouver.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.1 per cent from 159.8 to 159.9 with price increases for personal care items outweighing lower prices for prescription drugs in pharmaceuticals.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index rose 0.2 per cent from 117.8 to 118.0 due to price increases for cigarettes. The Recreation and Reading index was unchanged at 148.6.

NOTE

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MARCH 1963

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index was unchanged at 132.1 between February and March 1963. The March index was 1.9 per cent above the March 1962 index of 129.7. In the current period, a decrease in the Food index offset increases in the Housing and Clothing indexes. The Transportation, Health and Personal Care, Recreation and Reading, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963			1962
		March	February	January	March
All-Items	100	132.1	132.1	132.0	129.7
Food	27	128.9	129.4	129.0	124.4
Housing (2)	32	136.0	135.9	135.9	134.0
Clothing	11	115.6	114.8	114.7	112.9
Transportation	12	139.6	139.6	139.8	139.9
Health and Personal Care	7	159.9	159.9	159.8	157.2
Recreation and Reading	5	148.6	148.6	148.6	146.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.0	118.0	117.8	117.5

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index declined 0.4 per cent from 129.4 to 128.9 as a result of further substantial price decreases for beef. Other price declines were generally limited to pork, fats, fresh tomatoes, lettuce, bananas and grapefruit. Higher prices were reported for eggs, sugar, jam, oranges and orange juice, and most fresh vegetables.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.2 per cent in the three-week period March 1st to March 22nd. Prices for 9 commodities advanced and 4 declined, while 17 remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for sisal, raw sugar, beef hides, fir timber and tin, and decreases for hogs, steers, oats and linseed oil.

In the same three-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products moved down 1.9 per cent. The Animal Products index declined 2.8 per cent reflecting lower prices for hogs and eggs on both Eastern and Western Markets, and for lambs, calves and steers in the East. Prices were higher for calves and lambs in the West. The Field Products index eased 0.5 per cent as lower prices were reported for potatoes, barley and tobacco in the East, and for hay and rye in the West. Showing higher were hay and peas in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

		1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
		Mar. 29th	Mar. 22nd	Mar. 15th	Mar. 8th	Mar. 1st	Mar. (P) 1963	Feb. 1963	Mar. 1962
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E		252.2	252.2	251.4	251.8	252.2	250.0	247.1
Canadian Farm Products			220.7	222.1	222.9	225.0	222.1	224.1	218.8
Field			174.6	175.4	174.9	175.4	175.4	174.3	170.2
Animal			266.8	268.8	270.8	274.5	268.8	273.8	267.5
Regional Indexes:									
Eastern Canada	N O T		239.7	241.9	243.0	245.9	241.9	243.0	230.2
Western Canada			201.7	202.4	202.7	204.0	202.4	205.2	207.5

1 - Indexes for 1963 are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1961 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, advanced 2.8 per cent from 129.9 to 133.6 in the four-week period February 28th to March 28th. The three major groups in the index advanced with Finance up 3.5 per cent from 144.9 to 149.9, Industrials up 2.8 per cent from 126.8 to 130.4 and Utilities up 2.4 per cent from 129.6 to 132.7. Within Finance, both sub-groups showed gains as Banks rose 4.2 per cent from 135.1 to 140.8 and Investment and Loan rose 2.1 per cent from 163.5 to 166.9. In Industrials, indexes for 12 of the 13 sub-groups advanced headed by Primary Metals up 6.6 per cent from 85.8 to 91.5, Textiles and Clothing up 5.0 per cent from 190.4 to 200.0 and Non-metallic Minerals up 4.4 per cent from 124.9 to 130.4. Foods declined 0.1 per cent from 171.8 to 171.6. Within Utilities, indexes for all sub-groups advanced led by Transportation up 5.2 per cent from 87.2 to 91.7 and Telephones up 2.4 per cent from 121.8 to 124.7.

The index of Mining Stocks rose 3.0 per cent from 90.9 to 93.6 in the same period, reflecting increases of 5.1 per cent from 80.7 to 84.8 for Base Metals and 0.3 per cent from 109.5 to 109.8 for Golds.

In the supplementary indexes, Primary Oils and Gas rose 4.6 per cent from 60.9 to 63.7 and Uraniums dropped 3.0 per cent from 90.8 to 88.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Mar. 28th	Mar. 21st	Mar. 14th	Mar. 7th	Feb. 28th	Mar. 1963	Feb. 1963	Mar. 1962
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	110	133.6	132.4	131.6	131.7	129.9	132.3	131.8	141.4
Industrials	76	130.4	129.0	128.2	128.4	126.8	129.0	129.0	138.6
Utilities	20	132.7	132.1	131.6	131.1	129.6	131.9	130.1	132.9
Finance ¹	14	149.9	148.6	147.9	148.3	144.9	148.7	147.7	165.6
Banks	6	140.8	139.3	139.2	140.1	135.1	139.8	138.2	150.1
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	93.6	93.1	92.7	92.1	90.9	92.9	92.9	100.4
Golds	16	109.8	109.4	109.6	109.8	109.5	109.6	111.6	109.4
Base Metals	8	84.8	84.1	83.4	82.4	80.7	83.7	82.7	95.4
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	88.1	87.9	90.6	91.4	90.8	89.5	91.7	79.6
Primary Oils and Gas	8	63.7	64.3	63.6	62.1	60.9	63.4	62.4	72.6

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index increased 0.1 per cent from 135.9 to 136.0 as the shelter component was unchanged but the household operation component was higher. In shelter, a fractional increase in the home-ownership index was not sufficient to move the index and the rent index was unchanged. Higher prices for furniture, floor coverings and household supplies moved the household operation index.

The Clothing index rose 0.7 per cent from 114.8 to 115.6, reflecting higher prices for men's, women's and children's wear, and footwear. Lower prices were recorded for piece goods and clothing services.

The Transportation index was unchanged at 139.6 with a decline in the automobile operation component balanced by a rise in the local transportation component. In automobile operation, lower prices for gasoline, batteries, tires and mufflers offset higher prices for motor oil, lubrication, brake relining and repairs. Higher bus fares in one eastern Canadian city moved the local transportation index.

The Health and Personal Care, Recreation and Reading, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes remained at their February 1963 levels of 159.9, 148.6 and 118.0 respectively.

NOTE

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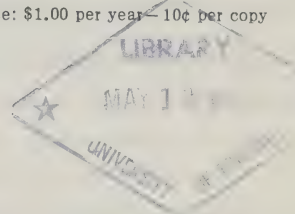
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

APRIL 1963

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 per cent from 132.1 to 132.3 between the beginning of March and April 1963. The April index was 1.5 per cent above the April 1962 index of 130.3. In the current period, increases in the Clothing, and Health and Personal Care components outweighed decreases in the Transportation, Recreation and Reading, and Tobacco and Alcohol components. The Food and Housing components were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963			1962
		April	March	February	April
All-Items	100	132.3	132.1	132.1	130.3
Food	27	128.9	128.9	129.4	125.8
Housing (2)	32	136.0	136.0	135.9	134.0
Clothing	11	115.7	115.6	114.8	113.2
Transportation	12	139.2	139.6	139.6	140.2
Health and Personal Care	7	162.1	159.9	159.9	158.1
Recreation and Reading	5	148.0	148.6	148.6	146.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.9	118.0	118.0	117.9

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index was unchanged at 128.9 as most meat prices, particularly pork, were below March levels. Other price declines were limited to a few items including powdered skim milk, bananas, grapefruit, cabbage, tomatoes and celery. These price declines were offset by higher prices for oranges, orange juice, apples, shortening, cereal and bakery items other than bread, sugar, jam, soft drinks and chocolate bars.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹

(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials,

calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.5 per cent in the three-week period March 29th to April 19th. Prices for 8 commodities advanced and 6 declined, while 16 remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for sisal, domestic zinc, tin, raw sugar, raw wool and steers, and decreases for hogs, linseed oil and oats.

In the same three-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products moved 0.3 per cent lower. The Field Products index declined 1.2 per cent reflecting mainly lower prices for potatoes, wheat, barley and corn in Eastern markets and for hay both East and West. Prices were higher for tobacco in the East and rye in the West. The Animal Products index moved up 0.3 per cent as prices advanced for calves and steers on both Eastern and Western markets and for eggs and cheesemilk in the East, and lambs and raw wool in the West. Lower prices were recorded for hogs both East and West, and for butterfat in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

		1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
		Apr. 26th	Apr. 19th	Apr. 12th	Apr. 5th	Mar. 29th	Apr. (P) 1963	Mar. 1963	Apr. 1962
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E		253.9	253.5	252.2	252.7	253.5	250.3	247.6
Canadian Farm Products			219.0	218.9	218.1	219.7	218.9	222.1	233.7 ^r
Field			171.4	172.1	172.9	173.4	172.1	175.4	195.4 ^r
Animal			266.6	265.8	263.4	265.9	265.8	268.8	272.0
Regional Indexes:	N O T								
Eastern Canada			234.3	235.7	235.4	237.7	235.7	241.9	231.7
Western Canada			203.7	202.2	200.9	201.6	202.2	202.4	235.7 ^r

1 - All 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains. The April 1962 index reflects final payments for wheat for the 1961-1962 crop year announced March 25th, 1963.

(P) - Preliminary.

r - Revised, see note 1 above.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, advanced 4.5 per cent from 133.6 to 139.6 in the four-week period March 28th to April 25th. The three major groups in the index advanced with Industrials up 5.1 per cent from 130.4 to 137.1, Finance up 3.5 per cent from 149.9 to 155.2 and Utilities up 2.9 per cent from 132.7 to 136.6. In Industrials, indexes for all sub-groups increased headed by Textiles and Clothing up 8.6 per cent from 200.0 to 217.1, Pulp and Paper up 8.1 per cent from 124.9 to 135.0, Retail Trade up 8.1 per cent from 164.7 to 178.0 and Primary Metals up 7.8 per cent from 91.5 to 98.6. Within Finance both sub-groups showed gains as Banks rose 5.0 per cent from 140.8 to 147.9 and Investment and Loan increased 1.2 per cent from 166.9 to 168.9. Within Utilities, indexes for all five sub-groups advanced led by Gas Distribution up 6.4 per cent from 203.0 to 216.0 and Transportation up 3.1 per cent from 91.7 to 94.5.

The index of Mining Stocks declined 1.0 per cent from 93.6 to 92.7 reflecting a decrease of 5.2 per cent for Golds from 109.8 to 104.1 and an increase of 1.9 per cent for Base Metals from 84.8 to 86.4.

Both supplementary indexes showed higher. Primary Oils and Gas increased 10.7 per cent from 63.7 to 70.5 and Uraniums rose 6.8 per cent from 88.1 to 94.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Apr. 25th	Apr. 18th	Apr. 11th	Apr. 4th	Mar. 28th	Apr. 1963	Mar. 1963	Apr. 1962
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	110	139.6	140.2	136.5	134.3	133.6	137.6	132.3	138.7
Industrials	76	137.1	137.4	133.5	130.9	130.4	134.7	129.0	136.7
Utilities	20	136.6	137.2	135.4	133.5	132.7	135.7	131.9	129.5
Finance ¹	14	155.2	156.9	151.9	151.5	149.9	153.9	148.7	160.1
Banks	6	147.9	148.4	143.8	142.4	140.8	145.6	139.8	146.5
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	92.7	93.1	93.0	94.0	93.6	93.2	92.9	99.2
Golds	16	104.1	107.1	108.9	110.9	109.8	107.8	109.6	107.5
Base Metals	8	86.4	85.4	84.3	84.7	84.8	85.2	83.7	94.7
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	94.1	94.6	91.4	89.4	88.1	92.4	89.5	81.2
Primary Oils and Gas	8	70.5	69.3	66.2	65.7	63.7	67.9	63.4	67.8

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index was unchanged at 136.0 with both the shelter and household operation components at their previous levels. In shelter, both the rent and home-ownership indexes were unchanged. In household operation, lower prices for appliances, electricity and domestic gas balanced higher prices for furniture, floor coverings and household supplies. The electricity and gas rate changes occurred in Vancouver and Victoria.

The Clothing index rose 0.1 per cent from 115.6 to 115.7. Higher prices for men's and children's wear outweighed lower prices for footwear and piece goods, with prices for women's wear unchanged.

The Transportation index declined 0.3 per cent from 139.6 to 139.2, reflecting lower prices for new passenger cars. Gasoline prices were up 1.3 per cent, the first break in price declines since June 1962. An increase of 2 cents per gallon in gasoline taxes in the Province of Quebec was a factor in this movement.

The Health and Personal Care index rose 1.4 per cent from 159.9 to 162.1 due to higher fees for doctors, dentists and optical care as well as higher premiums for prepaid medical care. The personal care component was up slightly.

The Recreation and Reading index declined 0.4 per cent from 148.6 to 148.0 as the reading component was unchanged but the recreation component declined, reflecting lower prices for television sets and radios. Prices increased for phonograph records and bicycles.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index declined 0.1 per cent from 118.0 to 117.9 as liquor prices were adjusted downwards to reflect removal of tariff surcharges.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

MAY 1963

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index was unchanged at 132.3 between the beginning of April and May 1963. The May index was 1.7 per cent above the May 1962 index of 130.1. In the current period, declines in the Food, Clothing, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes offset increases in the Transportation, Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading indexes. The Housing index was unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963			1962
		May	April	March	May
All-Items	100	132.3	132.3	132.1	130.1
Food	27	128.3	128.9	128.9	124.5
Housing (2)	32	136.0	136.0	136.0	134.5
Clothing	11	115.6	115.7	115.6	112.8
Transportation	12	140.6	139.2	139.6	140.4
Health and Personal Care	7	162.6	162.1	159.9	158.2
Recreation and Reading	5	148.8	148.0	148.6	147.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.8	117.9	118.0	117.9

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index decreased 0.5 per cent from 128.9 to 128.3 as lower prices were reported for eggs, fats, lettuce, oranges, pork, veal, chicken and turkey. Prices increased for milk, sugar, jams, most fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, orange juice and beef.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 1.4 per cent in the four-week period April 26th to May 24th. Prices for 7 commodities advanced and 6 declined, while 17 remained unchanged. Principal changes included a sharp increase for raw sugar, lesser increases for hogs, tin, steers and raw cotton, and decreases for beef hides, raw wool, bituminous coal, oats and linseed oil.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products advanced 2.6 per cent. The Animal Products index moved up 3.8 per cent reflecting mainly higher prices for hogs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets, lambs and cheesemilk in the East and calves in the West. Prices were lower for eggs both East and West, and for fluid milk and raw wool in the West. The Field Products index rose 0.8 per cent as increases for potatoes both East and West offset decreases for rye on both markets, and oats, barley, peas, corn and tobacco in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

(2)	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	May 24th	May 17th	May 10th	May 3rd	Apr. 26th	May (P) 1963	Apr. 1963	May 1962
Industrial Materials	257.7	256.7	256.1	255.0	254.2	256.7	252.1	251.8
Canadian Farm Products	222.7	221.9	220.7	218.5	217.0	221.9	219.0	237.1
Field	172.7	171.9	171.7	171.3	171.4	171.9	171.4	197.7
Animal	272.7	271.9	269.6	265.8	262.6	271.9	266.6	276.5
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	239.9	239.1	237.7	235.6	233.6	239.1	234.4	236.7
Western Canada	205.5	204.6	203.7	201.4	200.4	204.6	203.7	237.5

1 - All 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(2) - Index for week of May 31st not available.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, advanced 0.9 per cent from 140.7 to 141.9 in the four-week period May 2nd to May 30th. Among the three major groups, Utilities advanced 2.1 per cent from 138.5 to 141.4, Industrials were up 0.9 per cent from 138.2 to 139.4 while Finance declined 0.8 per cent from 155.2 to 154.0. Within Utilities, four of the five sub-groups showed gains led by Gas Distribution up 7.4 per cent from 219.7 to 236.0, and Pipelines up 5.2 per cent from 150.8 to 158.7. Electric Power declined 2.1 per cent from 132.0 to 129.2. In Industrials, eight of the thirteen sub-groups increased and the remaining five decreased. Principal changes included increases for Petroleum up 5.4 per cent from 98.0 to 103.3, Retail Trade up 3.1 per cent from 177.7 to 183.2 and Non-Metallic Minerals up 2.7 per cent from 135.6 to 139.2, and decreases for Construction down 2.8 per cent from 78.6 to 76.4 and Pulp and Paper down 1.0 per cent from 134.9 to 133.5. Within Finance, the index for Banks declined 1.4 per cent from 147.1 to 145.0 while Investment and Loan rose 0.4 per cent from 170.2 to 170.9.

In the same period the Mining stock index fell 1.7 per cent from 92.8 to 91.2 reflecting a drop of 3.5 per cent for Base Metals from 86.1 to 83.1 and an increase of 1.0 per cent for Golds from 105.1 to 106.1.

Of the two supplementary indexes, Primary Oils and Gas moved 5.8 per cent lower from 70.5 to 66.4 and Uraniums rose 2.9 per cent from 95.7 to 98.5.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		May 30th	May 23rd	May 16th	May 9th	May 2nd	May 1963	Apr. 1963	May 1962
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	110	141.9	142.3	142.4	143.0	140.7	142.1	137.6	132.5
Industrials	76	139.4	139.8	139.8	140.6	138.2	139.6	134.7	130.5
Utilities	20	141.4	140.6	140.3	140.0	138.5	140.2	135.7	125.8
Finance ¹	14	154.0	155.9	157.2	158.3	155.2	156.1	153.9	150.6
Banks	6	145.0	147.2	148.1	149.5	147.1	147.4	145.6	140.5
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	91.2	92.6	92.8	93.1	92.8	92.5	93.2	100.6
Gold's	16	106.1	107.6	106.7	105.7	105.1	106.2	107.8	116.8
Base Metals	8	83.1	84.4	85.2	86.2	86.1	85.0	85.2	91.7
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	98.5	97.7	97.8	97.9	95.7	97.5	92.4	79.7
Primary Oils and Gas	7	66.4	68.7	69.1	69.0	70.5	68.7	67.9	62.2

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index was unchanged at 136.0 with a fractional decline in the household operation component balanced by a rise in the shelter component. In shelter, rents were unchanged but the index of home-ownership was up slightly. In household operation, price increases for furniture, floor coverings and textiles more than balanced lower prices for fuel, utensils and equipment and household supplies.

The Clothing index declined 0.1 per cent from 115.7 to 115.6. Decreases in men's and women's wear outweighed higher prices for children's wear and footwear.

The Transportation index rose 1.0 per cent from 139.2 to 140.6 largely as a result of higher transit fares in Toronto at the beginning of May (rescinded May 20). The automobile operation component also increased, however, with higher prices for gasoline and automobile insurance. Prices for new passenger cars edged up.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.3 per cent, reflecting price increases for pharmaceuticals in the health care component and for both supplies and services in the personal care component. In personal care services, prices of men's haircuts and women's hairdressing were higher.

The Recreation and Reading index increased 0.5 per cent from 148.0 to 148.8. The reading component was unchanged but the recreation component rose as a result of higher prices for motion picture admissions, camera film, bicycles and toys.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index declined from 117.9 to 117.8 as lower prices for cigarettes moved the tobacco component. The alcoholic beverages component was unchanged.

NOTE

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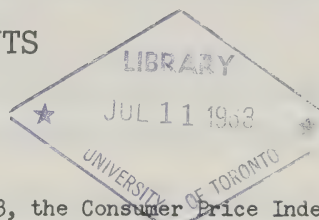
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

JUNE 1963



THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

Between May and June 1963, the Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 per cent from 132.3 to 132.8. The June index was 1.8 per cent above the June 1962 index of 130.5. In the current period, increases occurred in the Food, Clothing, Health and Personal Care and Recreation and Reading indexes. The Transportation index declined, while the Housing and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963			1962
		June	May	April	June
All-Items	100	132.8	132.3	132.3	130.5
Food	27	129.7	128.3	128.9	125.6
Housing (2)	32	136.0	136.0	136.0	134.9
Clothing	11	116.0	115.6	115.7	113.1
Transportation	12	140.3	140.6	139.2	140.4
Health and Personal Care	7	162.7	162.6	162.1	158.2
Recreation and Reading	5	149.3	148.8	148.0	147.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	117.8	117.8	117.9	117.9

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index rose 1.1 per cent from 128.3 to 129.7. Prices were substantially higher for sugar and a number of fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly grapefruit, apples, potatoes, onions, carrots, and lettuce. Smaller price increases were reported for a wide variety of foods, including beef, pork, milk, bread and flour, jam, coffee, jelly powder, and orange juice. Prices were lower for eggs, fish and chicken, butter, oranges, strawberries, tomatoes and cabbage.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹

(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.4 per cent in the three-week period May 31st to June 21st. Prices for 5 commodities declined and 4 advanced, while 21 remained unchanged. Principal changes included price decreases for raw sugar, beef hides and raw rubber, and increases for hogs, steers and fir timber.

In the same three week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products advanced 2.0 per cent. The Animal Products index moved up 2.8 per cent reflecting mainly higher prices for hogs, lambs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets, eggs in the East and butterfat in the West. Prices were lower for calves both East and West, and for raw wool in the West. The Field Products index rose 0.7 per cent as increases in the East for potatoes, corn and rye offset decreases for hay in the East, and potatoes and rye in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	June 28th	June 21st	June 14th	June 7th	May 31st	June(P) 1963	May 1963	June 1962
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E	256.2	256.6	256.6	257.1	256.6	254.8	251.3
Canadian Farm Products		229.3	227.4	227.2	224.9	227.4	221.9	243.3
Field		175.1	174.9	175.1	173.9	174.9	171.9	200.7
Animal		283.6	279.9	279.3	276.0	279.9	271.9	285.8
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		249.5	247.1	246.0	242.8	247.1	239.1	244.5
Western Canada		209.1	207.7	208.4	207.1	207.7	204.6	242.1

1 - All 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, decreased 3.6 per cent from 141.9 to 136.8 in the four-week period May 30th to June 27th. The three major groups in the index declined as Industrials dropped 4.0 per cent from 139.4 to 133.8, Utilities decreased 3.0 per cent from 141.4 to 137.2 and Finance declined 2.2 per cent from 154.0 to 150.6. Within Industrials, all thirteen sub-groups were lower led by Petroleum down 7.8 per cent from 103.3 to 95.2, Chemicals down 5.7 per cent from 133.2 to 125.6 and Foods down 4.5 per cent from 180.8 to 172.6. In Utilities, all five sub-groups showed lower headed by Gas Distribution down 6.8 per cent from 236.0 to 220.0 and Pipelines down 2.8 per cent from 158.7 to 154.3. Within Finance, both sub-groups declined with Investment and Loan down 3.7 per cent from 170.9 to 164.6 and Banks down 1.3 per cent from 145.0 to 143.1.

The index of Mining stocks declined 0.7 per cent from 91.2 to 90.6, reflecting a decrease of 2.8 per cent for Base Metals from 83.1 to 80.8 which was partially offset by an increase of 2.2 per cent for Golds from 106.1 to 108.4.

Both supplementary indexes were lower with Primary Oils and Gas down 4.8 per cent from 66.4 to 63.2 and Uraniums down 4.4 per cent from 98.5 to 94.2.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956=100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		June 27th	June 20th	June 13th	June 6th	May 30th	June 1963	May 1963	June 1962
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	110	136.8	137.9	142.3	142.7	141.9	139.9	142.1	117.6
Industrials	76	133.8	135.3	140.1	140.4	139.4	137.4	139.6	115.4
Utilities	20	137.2	137.0	141.0	141.9	141.4	139.3	140.2	114.9
Finance ¹	14	150.6	150.8	153.9	154.7	154.0	152.5	156.1	131.6
Banks	6	143.1	143.8	146.8	145.8	145.0	144.9	147.4	124.3
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	90.6	90.3	91.4	90.7	91.2	90.8	92.5	98.1
Golds	16	108.4	108.1	108.1	106.0	106.1	107.6	106.2	123.5
Base Metals	8	80.8	80.5	82.3	82.3	83.1	81.5	85.0	84.2
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	94.2	93.9	98.2	98.0	98.5	96.1	97.5	70.6
Primary Oils and Gas	7	63.2	63.0	65.6	65.5	66.4	64.3	68.7	53.5

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index was unchanged at 136.0 as a small decline in the household operation component was offset by a fractional rise in the shelter component. In shelter, both rents and home-ownership were up slightly. In household operation, price decreases were recorded for coal, furniture, drapery material, some utensils and equipment, and household detergents.

The Clothing index rose 0.3 per cent from 115.6 to 116.0. Higher prices for men's, women's and children's wear and clothing services outweighed a small decline in footwear.

The Transportation index declined 0.2 per cent from 140.6 to 140.3 as a result of the rescinding of the May transit fare increase in Toronto. The automobile operation component increased with higher prices for new cars, motor oil, and automobile license. Higher train and inter-urban bus fares moved the travel index.

The Health and Personal Care index rose 0.1 per cent from 162.6 to 162.7 as the personal care component increased but the health care index remained unchanged.

The Recreation and Reading index moved from 148.8 to 149.3, an increase of 0.3 per cent. The reading component was unchanged but the recreation component rose as a result of higher prices for bicycles and sports equipment.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 117.8.

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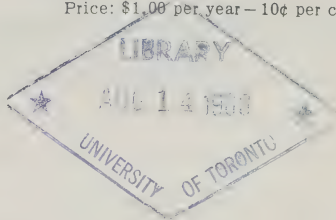
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PRICE MOVEMENTS

JULY 1963

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.5 per cent from 132.8 to 133.5 between June and July 1963. The July index was 1.9 per cent above the July 1962 index of 131.0. In the current period, the increase resulted almost entirely from a 2.2 per cent rise in the Food index. The Housing, Clothing, Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading indexes were all down with the Transportation, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes up 0.3 per cent.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963			1962
		July	June	May	July
All-Items	100	133.5	132.8	132.3	131.0
Food	27	132.5	129.7	128.3	127.0
Housing (2)	32	135.9	136.0	136.0	135.1
Clothing	11	115.7	116.0	115.6	112.9
Transportation	12	140.7	140.3	140.6	140.7
Health and Personal Care	7	162.6	162.7	162.6	158.4
Recreation and Reading	5	148.8	149.3	148.8	147.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.2	117.8	117.8	117.9

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
 (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index rose 2.2 per cent from 129.7 to 132.5, reflecting substantial price increases for beef, pork, veal, chicken and most fresh vegetables. Higher prices were also reported for bakery products, eggs, lamb, turkey, canned fruits and juices, grapefruit, soft drinks, chocolate bars, jam and evaporated milk. Sugar prices declined moderately, the first decrease since prices

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.4 per cent in the four-week period June 28th to July 26th. Prices for 10 commodities advanced and 8 declined, while 12 remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for fir timber, domestic lead, steers, domestic zinc, hogs, bleached sulphite pulp, raw wool, sisal and white lead, and decreases for beef hides, raw sugar, raw cotton, oats and raw rubber.

In the same four-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 0.3 per cent. The Animal Products index rose 1.2 per cent reflecting higher prices on both Eastern and Western markets for eggs, steers, hogs and raw wool, and for cheesemilk in the East. Sharp decreases occurred for lambs, and more moderate declines for calves both East and West. The Field Products index eased 0.9 per cent as lower prices for oats, rye, wheat and barley in the East, and hay on both markets offset increases for potatoes both East and West, peas in the East, and flax in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	July 26th	July 19th	July 12th	July 5th	June 28th	July(P) 1963	June 1963	July 1962
Industrial Materials	256.7	257.4	257.3	257.0	255.7	257.4	254.9	251.2
Canadian Farm Products	229.8	229.6	230.1	229.0	229.0	229.6	227.5	249.6
Field	173.3	173.4	174.2	174.7	174.9	173.4	174.9	203.7
Animal	286.3	285.9	285.9	283.4	283.0	285.9	280.1	295.6
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	248.6	249.2	250.5	249.2	248.4	249.2	247.1	253.4
Western Canada	211.0	210.1	209.6	208.9	209.6	210.1	207.9	245.9

¹ - All 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100 decreased 2.5 per cent from 136.8 to 133.4 in the four-week period June 27th to July 25th. The three major groups in the index declined as Finance dropped 3.9 per cent from 150.6 to 144.8, Industrials decreased 2.5 per cent from 133.8 to 130.4 and Utilities declined 1.2 per cent from 137.2 to 135.6. Within Finance, both sub-groups declined with Investment and Loan down 4.1 per cent from 164.6 to 157.8 and Banks down 3.7 per cent from 143.1 to 137.8. In Industrials, all thirteen sub-groups showed lower led by Textiles and Clothing down 4.7 per cent from 214.5 to 204.4, Beverages down 3.7 per cent from 192.9 to 185.8 and Printing and Publishing down 3.5 per cent from 317.8 to 306.7. Within Utilities, four of the five sub-groups showed lower headed by Telephones down 1.9 per cent from 125.4 to 123.0 and Electric Power down 1.9 per cent from 129.0 to 126.5. Transportation rose 1.0 per cent from 99.2 to 100.2.

The index of Mining stocks declined 0.3 per cent from 90.6 to 90.3, reflecting a decrease of 1.6 per cent for Base Metals from 80.8 to 79.5 which was partially offset by an increase of 1.4 per cent for Golds from 108.4 to 109.9.

Both supplementary indexes were lower with Uraniums down 5.0 per cent from 94.2 to 89.5 and Primary Oils and Gas down 0.8 per cent from 63.2 to 62.7.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		July 25th	July 18th	July 11th	July 4th	June 27th	July 1963	June 1963	July 1962
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	110	133.4	133.1	138.5	138.2	136.8	135.8	139.9	115.2
Industrials	76	130.4	130.3	135.9	135.3	133.8	133.0	137.4	113.8
Utilities	20	135.6	134.0	139.5	138.8	137.2	137.0	139.3	113.6
Finance ¹	14	144.8	144.6	149.4	150.8	150.6	147.4	152.5	123.9
Banks	6	137.8	136.6	141.6	143.0	143.1	139.8	144.9	118.6
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	90.3	89.9	91.8	91.2	90.6	90.8	90.8	97.3
Golds	16	109.9	109.0	110.3	108.8	108.4	109.5	107.6	123.8
Base Metals	8	79.5	79.4	81.6	81.5	80.8	80.5	81.5	82.8
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	89.5	87.4	91.8	93.2	94.2	90.5	96.1	70.5
Primary Oils and Gas	7	62.7	61.2	64.2	63.5	63.2	62.9	64.3	52.6

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

started to rise in December 1962. Prices were also lower for powdered skim milk, oranges, bananas, strawberries and canned vegetables.

The Housing index decreased 0.1 per cent from 136.0 to 135.9, as a decline in the household operation component offset a rise in the shelter component. In household operation, higher prices for appliances, furniture, floor coverings, utensils and equipment, and household services were more than balanced by a decline in the fuel index. This latter movement reflected a downward adjustment in domestic fuel oil prices to take into account the value of oil heating service contracts now offered free when oil is purchased. In shelter, both the rent and home-ownership indexes were at higher levels.

The Clothing index declined 0.3 per cent from 116.0 to 115.7 as lower prices occurred for men's, women's and children's wear and piece goods. Footwear prices were fractionally higher.

The Transportation index rose 0.3 per cent from 140.3 to 140.7 as new car prices showed strength in the late stages of the 1963 model year and gasoline prices were higher.

The Health and Personal Care index declined 0.1 per cent from 162.7 to 162.6 as minor price decreases occurred in the personal care component.

The Recreation and Reading index decreased 0.3 per cent from 149.3 to 148.8, with the reading component unchanged and lower prices for bicycles, phonograph records, radios and portable television sets moving the recreation component.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index rose 0.3 per cent from 117.8 to 118.2 as a result of the new Manitoba taxes on cigarettes and tobacco.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

AUGUST 1963

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 per cent from 133.5 to 133.9 between July and August 1963. The August index was 1.9 per cent above the August 1962 index of 131.4. In the current period, increases occurred in the Food, Housing, Clothing, Transportation, and Health and Personal Care indexes. The Recreation and Reading index was unchanged while the Tobacco and Alcohol index declined fractionally.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963			1962
		August	July	June	August
All-Items	100	133.9	133.5	132.8	131.4
Food	27	133.2	132.5	129.7	128.4
Housing (2)	32	136.3	135.9	136.0	135.1
Clothing	11	115.9	115.7	116.0	112.7
Transportation	12	141.0	140.7	140.3	140.8
Health and Personal Care	7	162.8	162.6	162.7	158.2
Recreation and Reading	5	148.8	148.8	149.3	147.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.1	118.2	117.8	118.0

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index rose 0.5 per cent from 132.5 to 133.2 as higher prices were recorded for a wide range of items including bread, milk, eggs, beef and pork. Price declines were generally limited to sugar, coffee, poultry and most fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly tomatoes.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹

(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.8 per cent in the three-week period from August 2nd to August 23rd. Prices for 5 commodities declined and 6 advanced, while 19 remained unchanged. Principal changes included a sharp decrease for raw sugar, lesser decreases for raw rubber, linseed oil and domestic wheat, and increases for domestic lead, hogs and white lead.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products moved 0.2 per cent lower. The Field Products index declined 2.3 per cent reflecting lower prices for potatoes and peas in the East, flax in the West, and for hay on both Eastern and Western markets. Prices were higher for rye both East and West, corn in the East and potatoes in the West. The Animal Products index rose 1.0 per cent as prices advanced for calves and hogs on both markets and for steers, lambs and raw wool in the West. Egg prices declined in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Aug. 30th	Aug. 23rd	Aug. 16th	Aug. 9th	Aug. 2nd	Aug. (P) 1963	July 1963	Aug. 1962
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E	252.5	253.2	253.9	254.6	253.2	255.3	249.5
Canadian Farm Products		227.7	227.6	226.9	228.2	227.6	229.7	238.0
Field		167.6	169.6	170.2	171.5	169.6	173.4	171.6
Animal		287.9	285.6	283.6	285.0	285.6	286.1	304.3
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		242.5	243.6	243.4	246.3	243.6	249.3	258.5
Western Canada		213.0	211.7	210.5	210.2	211.7	210.1	217.5

1 - All 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, advanced 0.9 per cent from 132.8 to 134.0 in the four-week period August 1st to August 29th. Among the three major groups, Industrials advanced 1.5 per cent from 129.8 to 131.8, Utilities declined 0.4 per cent from 135.4 to 134.8 and Finance eased 0.3 per cent from 143.6 to 143.1. In Industrials seven of the thirteen sub-groups increased and the remaining six decreased. Principal changes included increases for Industrial Mines up 6.5 per cent from 124.4 to 132.5, and Printing and Publishing up 2.1 per cent from 297.6 to 303.8, and decreases for Construction down 4.5 per cent from 68.8 to 65.7 and Non-Metallic Minerals down 3.2 per cent from 131.2 to 127.0. Within Utilities, three of the five sub-groups showed lower while two increased. Principal changes were Electric Power down 3.4 per cent from 127.5 to 123.2 and Transportation up 4.7 per cent from 100.0 to 104.7. Within Finance, the index for Investment and Loan declined 1.8 per cent from 155.6 to 152.8 while Banks rose 0.6 per cent from 137.1 to 137.9.

The index of Mining stocks edged 0.4 per cent higher from 90.2 to 90.6 reflecting an increase of 2.6 per cent for Golds from 110.0 to 112.9 and a decrease of 1.3 per cent for Base Metals from 79.4 to 78.4.

Of the two supplementary indexes, Uraniums moved 1.8 per cent lower from 90.2 to 88.6 and Primary Oils and Gas rose 0.6 per cent from 61.8 to 62.2.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Aug. 29th	Aug. 22nd	Aug. 15th	Aug. 8th	Aug. 1st	Aug. 1963	July 1963	Aug. 1962
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	108	134.0	133.0	133.7	132.6	132.8	133.2	135.8	121.7
Industrials	76	131.8	130.7	131.5	129.9	129.8	130.7	133.0	120.7
Utilities	18	134.8	134.5	134.6	134.4	135.4	134.7	137.0	117.9
Finance ¹	14	143.1	141.7	142.8	143.0	143.6	142.8	147.4	131.2
Banks	6	137.9	135.7	136.2	136.2	137.1	136.6	139.8	125.4
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	90.6	91.2	90.5	90.5	90.2	90.6	90.8	95.3
Golds	16	112.9	114.0	112.0	110.3	110.0	111.8	109.5	116.4
Base Metals	8	78.4	78.7	78.7	79.7	79.4	79.0	80.5	83.7
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	88.6	88.4	89.9	91.5	90.2	89.7	90.5	73.9
Primary Oils and Gas	7	62.2	62.7	64.3	63.0	61.8	62.8	62.9	59.2

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index increased 0.3 per cent from 135.9 to 136.3, with a rise in the shelter component outweighing a decline in the household operation component. In shelter, rents were unchanged but the home-ownership index was up as several items increased, including fire insurance rates. A drop in the household operation index reflected sale prices for furniture as well as lower prices for floor coverings and utensils and equipment. Prices were higher for textiles and household supplies and services, including insurance on household effects.

The Clothing index increased 0.2 per cent from 115.7 to 115.9 as higher prices for men's and women's wear, and piece goods, offset decreases for children's wear. The footwear index was unchanged.

The Transportation index increased 0.2 per cent from 140.7 to 141.0. Higher prices for gasoline in most areas of Canada offset fractionally lower prices for 1963 model cars and minor price decreases for automobile insurance rates in some Maritime cities.

The Health and Personal Care index rose 0.1 per cent from 162.6 to 162.8 as a result of generally higher prices for pharmaceuticals and personal care items.

The Recreation and Reading index was unchanged at 148.8. Price increases for bicycles and admissions to sporting events in the recreation component were balanced by lower prices for camera film.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index declined 0.1 per cent from 118.2 to 118.1. Fractional decreases in cigarette prices balanced somewhat higher prices for alcoholic beverages.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.4 per cent from 133.9 to 133.4 between August and September 1963. The September index was 1.8 per cent above the September 1962 index of 131.0. In the current period, a 1.4 per cent drop in the Food index accounted for most of the decline in the All-Items index, with a more moderate decrease occurring in the Health and Personal Care Index. The Housing, Clothing, Transportation, and Recreation and Reading indexes were all at slightly higher levels while the Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963			1962
		September	August	July	September
All-Items	100	133.4	133.9	133.5	131.0
Food	27	131.3	133.2	132.5	126.8
Housing (2)	32	136.5	136.3	135.9	135.2
Clothing	11	116.1	115.9	115.7	113.3
Transportation	12	141.1	141.0	140.7	140.3
Health and Personal Care	7	162.7	162.8	162.6	158.2
Recreation and Reading	5	149.1	148.8	148.8	147.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.1	118.1	118.2	118.0

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index declined 1.4 per cent from 133.2 to 131.3. Substantial seasonal price decreases occurred for most domestically grown vegetables, apples, grapes and peaches. Sugar prices were sharply lower and price declines were also reported for some cuts of beef and pork, and for lamb. Prices were higher for

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, rose 1.1 per cent in the three-week period August 30th to September 20th. Prices for 7 commodities advanced and 7 declined, while 16 remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for raw sugar, linseed oil, oats, raw wool, tin and hogs, and decreases for steers, raw rubber, sisal and raw cotton.

In the same three-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved down 0.6 per cent. The Field Products index declined 0.7 per cent reflecting a sharp decrease for potatoes in Eastern markets which was partly offset by higher prices for rye and hay both East and West, potatoes and flax in the West, and barley, corn, oats and peas in the East. The Animal Products index eased 0.4 per cent as prices declined for lambs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets and for calves and hogs in the East. Higher prices were recorded for eggs both East and West, hogs in the East, and calves and wool in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Sept. 27th	Sept. 20th	Sept. 13th	Sept. 6th	Aug. 30th	Sept.(P) 1963	Aug. 1963	Sept. 1962
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E	255.3	252.9	252.8	252.6	252.9	251.4	246.7
Canadian Farm Products		224.6	224.3	224.3	225.9	224.3	227.6	231.8
Field		164.3	163.8	164.2	165.5	163.8	169.6	165.8
Animal		285.0	284.8	284.4	286.2	284.8	285.6	297.8
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		238.3	237.2	237.9	240.1	237.2	243.6	247.7
Western Canada		210.9	211.4	210.7	211.6	211.4	211.7	216.0

1 - All 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, advanced 4.0 per cent from 134.0 to 139.3 in the four-week period August 29th to September 26th. Indexes for all three major components increased with Industrials up 4.5 per cent from 131.8 to 137.7, Utilities up 3.1 per cent from 134.8 to 139.0 and Finance up 2.5 per cent from 143.1 to 146.7. In Industrials, indexes for all thirteen sub-groups increased headed by Chemicals up 9.6 per cent from 120.8 to 132.4, Pulp and Paper up 7.3 per cent from 124.1 to 133.1, and Primary Metals up 6.6 per cent from 94.6 to 100.8. Within Utilities also, indexes for all five sub-groups advanced led by Pipelines up 6.2 per cent from 150.8 to 160.1 and Transportation up 4.3 per cent from 104.7 to 109.2. Both sub-groups in Finance showed gains as Investment and Loan rose 3.9 per cent from 152.8 to 158.7 and Banks moved up 1.7 per cent from 137.9 to 140.2.

The index of Mining stocks advanced 1.7 per cent from 90.6 to 92.1, reflecting an increase of 3.8 per cent from 78.4 to 81.4 for Base Metals which was partly offset by a decrease of 1.2 per cent for Golds from 112.9 to 111.5.

Both supplementary indexes were higher with Primary Oils and Gas up 10.8 per cent from 62.2 to 68.9 and Uraniums up 5.9 per cent from 88.6 to 93.8.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Sept. 26th	Sept. 19th	Sept. 12th	Sept. 5th	Aug. 29th	Sept. 1963	Aug. 1963	Sept. 1962
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	108	139.3	139.0	138.1	135.6	134.0	138.0	133.2	119.6
Industrials	76	137.7	137.3	135.9	133.0	131.8	136.0	130.7	117.6
Utilities	18	139.0	138.7	138.7	136.8	134.8	138.3	134.7	118.1
Finance ¹	14	146.7	147.2	147.4	145.7	143.1	146.8	142.8	130.9
Banks	6	140.2	140.2	140.9	138.2	137.9	139.9	136.6	125.0
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	92.1	92.7	91.0	91.3	90.6	91.8	90.6	92.3
Golds	16	111.5	114.1	111.4	114.2	112.9	112.8	111.8	114.0
Base Metals	8	81.4	81.0	79.8	78.7	78.4	80.2	79.0	80.4
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	93.8	93.9	92.3	91.9	88.6	93.0	89.7	76.6
Primary Oils and Gas	7	68.9	69.0	64.9	63.2	62.2	66.5	62.8	59.8

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

eggs, fats, canned vegetables and juices and a variety of meats.

The Housing index rose 0.1 per cent from 136.3 to 136.5 as a result of increases in both the shelter and household operation components. In shelter, both the rent and home-ownership indexes were higher. In household operation, higher prices were reported for coal, furniture, floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment, and a number of household supplies.

The Clothing index increased 0.2 per cent from 115.9 to 116.1 as higher prices for men's and children's wear, footwear and clothing services offset lower prices for women's wear and piece goods.

The Transportation index edged up 0.1 per cent from 141.0 to 141.1, reflecting higher automobile operation prices, including gasoline, motor oil, fender repairs and brake relining. September prices for 1963 passenger cars were somewhat below August price levels. Prices were also lower for tires, muffler replacement and batteries.

The Health and Personal Care index declined 0.1 per cent from 162.8 to 162.7, reflecting lower prices for some personal care items.

The Recreation and Reading index rose 0.2 per cent from 148.8 to 149.1. Higher prices for bicycles more than balanced price declines for television repairs in the recreation component. Higher magazine prices moved the reading component.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 118.1.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.1 per cent from 133.4 to 133.6 between September and October 1963. The October index was 1.6 per cent above the October 1962 index of 131.5. The decline of 0.7 per cent in the Food index dampened the effect of increases in all but one of the six other main component indexes. The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963			1962
		October	September	August	October
All-Items	100	133.6	133.4	133.9	131.5
Food	27	130.4	131.3	133.2	127.2
Housing (2)	32	136.6	136.5	136.3	135.4
Clothing	11	118.3	116.1	115.9	115.6
Transportation	12	141.2	141.1	141.0	139.9
Health and Personal Care	7	163.8	162.7	162.8	160.0
Recreation and Reading	5	150.5	149.1	148.8	147.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.0

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index declined 0.7 per cent from 131.3 to 130.4. The largest price decreases occurred for fresh fruits and vegetables, specifically grapefruit, apples, grapes, potatoes, onions, carrots, turnips and cabbage. Prices also were lower for most cuts of meat and for fish and poultry. Sugar prices were sharply higher and more moderate increases occurred for cheese, coffee, fats, eggs, tomatoes, lettuce and restaurant meals.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹

(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, rose 1.1 per cent in the four-week period September 27th to October 25th. Prices for 11 commodities advanced and 5 declined, while 14 remained unchanged. Principal changes included a sharp increase for raw sugar, lesser increases for beef hides, domestic wheat, domestic lead, tin, white lead and raw wool, and decreases for hogs, raw rubber, linseed oil, steers and oats.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved down 2.9 per cent. The Animal Products index declined 4.3 per cent, reflecting lower prices for hogs, eggs, steers and lambs on both Eastern and Western markets. Prices were higher for wool both East and West, and for cheesemilk, calves and fluid milk in the West. The Field Products index eased 0.5 per cent reflecting price declines for corn and potatoes in the East and for flax, rye and hay in the West. Prices increased for barley and peas in the East and potatoes in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Oct. 25th	Oct. 18th	Oct. 11th	Oct. 4th	Sept. 27th	Oct.(P) 1963	Sept. 1963	Oct. 1962
Industrial Materials	258.5	257.0	256.6	255.0	255.8	257.0	251.0	245.1
Canadian Farm Products	215.8	216.7	219.1	221.8	222.2	216.7	224.5	232.1
Field	163.5	163.3	163.8	164.2	164.4	163.3	163.9	165.9
Animal	268.0	270.1	274.5	279.3	280.1	270.1	285.0	298.2
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	229.3	229.6	233.2	235.2	237.1	229.6	237.6	248.3
Western Canada	202.2	203.9	205.0	208.3	207.4	203.9	211.4	215.9

1 - All 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, decreased 0.6 per cent from 139.3 to 138.5 in the four-week period October 3rd to October 31st. All three major groups in the index declined as Utilities dropped 1.3 per cent from 140.3 to 138.5, Finance decreased 0.8 per cent from 146.6 to 145.5 and Industrials eased 0.4 per cent from 137.4 to 136.9. Within Utilities, four of the five sub-groups showed lower headed by Electric Power down 5.0 per cent from 127.8 to 121.4 and Gas Distribution down 1.8 per cent from 230.0 to 225.9. Telephones edged up 0.2 per cent from 122.3 to 122.6. In Finance, both sub-groups declined with Banks down 0.8 per cent from 140.1 to 139.0 and Investment and Loan down 0.6 per cent from 158.6 to 157.7. Within Industrials, seven of the thirteen sub-groups decreased and the remaining six increased. Principal changes included decreases for Beverages down 1.7 per cent from 193.8 to 190.6 and Foods down 1.5 per cent from 178.5 to 175.9 and increases for Chemicals up 4.1 per cent from 133.4 to 138.9 and Non-metallic Minerals up 1.3 per cent from 132.2 to 133.9.

The index of Mining stocks declined 1.3 per cent from 91.2 to 90.0 over the same period, reflecting decreases of 2.9 per cent for Golds from 108.2 to 105.1 and 0.2 per cent for Base Metals from 81.9 to 81.7.

Both supplementary indexes showed lower, with Uraniums down 4.0 per cent from 95.9 to 92.1 and Primary Oils and Gas down 3.8 per cent from 68.7 to 66.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Oct. 31st	Oct. 24th	Oct. 17th	Oct. 10th	Oct. 3rd	Oct. 1963	Sept. 1963	Oct. 1962
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	107	138.5	139.4	140.0	139.1	139.3	139.3	138.0	116.4
Industrials	75	136.9	137.7	138.5	137.3	137.4	137.6	136.0	113.8
Utilities	18	138.5	139.1	140.0	139.7	140.3	139.5	138.3	115.1
Finance ¹	14	145.5	147.6	146.9	146.7	146.6	146.7	146.8	129.9
Banks	6	139.0	141.4	141.7	140.8	140.1	140.6	139.9	124.5
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	90.0	90.2	89.3	91.0	91.2	90.3	91.8	86.9
Golds	16	105.1	104.9	106.4	108.1	108.2	106.5	112.8	108.9
Base Metals	8	81.7	82.2	80.0	81.7	81.9	81.5	80.2	74.8
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	92.1	92.1	92.4	94.5	95.9	93.4	93.0	74.6
Primary Oils and Gas	7	66.1	66.2	67.2	67.2	68.7	67.1	66.5	61.1

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index rose 0.1 per cent from 136.5 to 136.6 as a result of an increase in the shelter component. The household operation component was unchanged. In shelter, a slight reduction in the rent index was not sufficient to offset an increase in the home-ownership index.

The Clothing index moved up 1.9 per cent from 116.1 to 118.3 with price increases for seasonal items of women's and children's wear and for piece goods and jewellery. Prices for men's wear and footwear were lower.

The Transportation index edged up 0.1 per cent from 141.1 to 141.2 reflecting price increases for gasoline, motor oil and urban bus fares.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.7 per cent from 162.7 to 163.8 as both component indexes moved up. In health care, increases were reported for doctors' and dentists' fees, optical care, and prepaid medical care. The personal care index rose as a result of higher prices for toilet soap.

The Recreation and Reading index rose 0.9 per cent from 149.1 to 150.5. Higher prices were recorded for sporting events, radios, television sets, phonograph records and newspapers.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 118.1.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 per cent from 133.6 to 134.0 between October and November. The November index was 1.6 per cent above the November 1962 index of 131.9. Six of the main component indexes showed almost equivalent increases. The remaining component, Transportation, was unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963			1962
		November	October	September	November
All-Items	100	134.0	133.6	133.4	131.9
Food	27	130.8	130.4	131.3	127.7
Housing (2)	32	136.9	136.6	136.5	135.6
Clothing	11	118.7	118.3	116.1	116.0
Transportation	12	141.2	141.2	141.1	140.6
Health and Personal Care	7	164.8	163.8	162.7	159.8
Recreation and Reading	5	151.0	150.5	149.1	148.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.5	118.1	118.1	117.8

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index in November rose to 130.8, up 0.3 per cent from the previous month's index of 130.4 as prices increased for a wide variety of items. Prices were sharply higher for sugar and fresh tomatoes. Sugar reached a current high of 20.5 cents per pound but was still below the record level of 22.9 cents set in August 1920. Foods showing moderate price increases included milk and cheese, bread and other cereal products, soft drinks, pickles, most fats, oranges and grapes, cabbage, celery and lettuce, most canned vegetables, liver and turkey. Generally lower prices were reported for ice cream, eggs, grapefruit, bananas and

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials,

calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.2 per cent in the three-week period November 1st to November 22nd. Prices for 4 commodities advanced and 7 declined, while 19 remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for beef hides, raw wool, hogs and tin, and decreases for raw sugar, raw cotton, fir timber and raw rubber.

In the same three-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 0.5 per cent. The Animal Products index rose 0.9 per cent reflecting higher prices on both Eastern and Western markets for raw wool, hogs, calves and lambs. Prices were lower for eggs both East and West, and for poultry in the East. The Field Products index eased 0.2 per cent as prices declined for potatoes in the West, tobacco and barley in the East, and rye in both East and West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Nov. 29th	Nov. 22nd	Nov. 15th	Nov. 8th	Nov. 1st	Nov.(P) 1963	Oct. 1963	Nov. 1962
Industrial Materials	E I L A B L E	259.7	260.7	260.4	259.3	260.7	254.9	246.6
Canadian Farm Products		215.7	216.5	215.7	214.7	216.5	216.7	232.7
Field		163.7	163.1	164.2	164.1	163.1	163.3	165.1
Animal		267.8	269.8	267.3	265.3	269.8	270.1	300.3
Regional Indexes:	A V A I L A B L E							
Eastern Canada	N O T	230.5	230.4	230.8	229.4	230.4	229.6	249.3
Western Canada		200.9	202.6	200.7	199.9	202.6	203.9	216.2

1 - All 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, decreased 1.2 per cent from 138.5 to 136.9 in the four-week period October 31st to November 28th. All three major groups in the index declined as Utilities dropped 1.9 per cent from 138.5 to 135.9, Finance decreased 1.4 per cent from 145.5 to 143.5 and Industrials eased 0.9 per cent from 136.9 to 135.7. Within Utilities, indexes for four of the five sub-groups showed lower headed by Pipelines down 4.3 per cent from 160.9 to 154.0 and Gas Distribution down 2.6 per cent from 225.9 to 220.0. Transportation edged up 0.5 per cent from 113.9 to 114.5. In Finance, both sub-groups declined as Banks dropped 1.5 per cent from 139.0 to 136.9 and Investment and Loan fell 1.3 per cent from 157.7 to 155.7. Within Industrials, nine of the thirteen sub-groups decreased and the remaining four increased. Principal changes included decreases for Primary Metals down 3.6 per cent from 102.0 to 98.3 and Retail Trade down 3.0 per cent from 184.0 to 178.5 and increases for Textiles and Clothing up 4.3 per cent from 228.5 to 238.4 and Industrial Mines up 1.3 per cent from 131.9 to 133.6.

The index of Mining stocks declined 4.3 per cent from 90.0 to 86.1 over the same period, reflecting decreases of 4.8 per cent for Golds from 105.1 to 100.1 and 4.0 per cent for Base Metals from 81.7 to 78.4.

Of the two supplementary indexes, Uraniums moved 4.1 per cent lower from 92.1 to 88.3 and Primary Oils and Gas rose 0.9 per cent from 66.1 to 66.7.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Nov. 28th	Nov. 21st	Nov. 14th	Nov. 7th	Oct. 31st	Nov. 1963	Oct. 1963	Nov. 1962
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	108	136.9	137.0	138.7	138.6	138.5	137.8	139.3	123.9
Industrials	76	135.7	135.7	137.3	137.3	136.9	136.5	137.6	121.2
Utilities	18	135.9	135.8	138.0	138.1	138.5	137.0	139.5	120.3
Finance ¹	14	143.5	144.5	145.9	145.3	145.5	144.8	146.7	141.2
Banks	6	136.9	138.4	139.5	138.2	139.0	138.2	140.6	135.5
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	86.1	86.7	88.2	89.2	90.0	87.6	90.3	88.4
Golds	16	100.1	100.4	102.7	105.0	105.1	102.0	106.5	105.4
Base Metals	8	78.4	79.2	80.3	80.5	81.7	79.6	81.5	79.0
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	88.3	88.8	90.1	91.6	92.1	89.7	93.4	77.6
Primary Oils and Gas	6	66.7	67.0	66.8	66.1	66.1	66.6	67.1	63.9

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

apples, onions, carrots, and most cuts of meat.

The Housing index moved up 0.2 per cent from 136.6 to 136.9 as both the shelter and household operation components increased. Within shelter, both rent and home-ownership were higher. The household operation index reflected price increases for coal, furniture, carpets, textiles, and utensils and equipment. Prices for some cleaning supplies were lower.

The Clothing index increased 0.3 per cent from 118.3 to 118.7 with higher prices for many items of men's, women's and children's wear and for footwear. Piece goods were lower, however.

The Transportation index was unchanged at 141.2. Scattered price changes for gasoline were compensating and higher prices for motor oil were not sufficient to move the index.

The Health and Personal Care index rose 0.6 per cent from 163.8 to 164.8 as both component indexes were higher. In health care, increases occurred for prepaid medical care in Ontario and Manitoba. In personal care, prices were higher for some supplies and for men's haircuts and women's hairdressing.

The Recreation and Reading index moved from 150.5 to 151.0, an increase of 0.3 per cent, with higher prices for motion picture admissions, camera film, bicycles and sports equipment.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index increased 0.3 per cent from 118.1 to 118.5. Lower prices for cigarettes in several cities were not sufficient to offset higher prices for beer in Quebec.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

DECEMBER 1963

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose to 134.2 in December, up 0.1 per cent from the November index of 134.0 and 1.7 per cent above the December 1962 index of 131.9. Between November and December, increases occurred for five of the seven main components. The Transportation component was lower, while Tobacco and Alcohol showed no change.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1963			1962
		December	November	October	December
All-Items	100	134.2	134.0	133.6	131.9
Food	27	131.4	130.8	130.4	127.8
Housing (2)	32	137.0	136.9	136.6	135.7
Clothing	11	118.9	118.7	118.3	115.8
Transportation	12	140.6	141.2	141.2	140.2
Health and Personal Care	7	165.4	164.8	163.8	159.8
Recreation and Reading	5	151.4	151.0	150.5	148.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.5	118.5	118.1	117.8

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index for December rose to 131.4, up 0.5 per cent from the previous month's index of 130.8. Prices were higher for most dairy products, fats, bakery and cereal products, fresh and canned vegetables, poultry and a number of specific items, including jams, coffee, soft drinks and apples. Prices were considerably lower for eggs, oranges, bananas and sugar and more moderate declines occurred for most meats.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials,

calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.3 per cent in the four-week period November 29th to December 27th. Prices for 13 commodities advanced and 4 declined, while 13 remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for hogs, cottonseed oil, domestic lead, tin, raw wool, bituminous coal and white lead, and decreases for steers, raw sugar, raw rubber and beef hides.

In the same four-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 0.1 per cent. The Field Products index rose 1.2 per cent reflecting higher prices for potatoes and rye on both Eastern and Western markets, oats, corn, peas, barley and wheat in the East, and hay and flax in the West. The Animal Products index eased 0.5 per cent as prices declined for eggs and steers in both East and West, and lambs in the West. Prices were higher for calves and hogs both East and West, lambs in the East and raw wool in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Dec. 27th	Dec. 20th	Dec. 13th	Dec. 6th	Nov. 29th	Dec. (P) 1963	Nov. 1963	Dec. 1962
Industrial Materials	260.0	259.2	259.2	259.1	259.1	259.2	258.8	247.7
Canadian Farm Products	216.0	214.7	213.8	215.4	215.8	213.8	216.5	230.0
Field	165.6	165.3	164.6	164.3	163.7	164.6	163.1	167.2
Animal	266.5	264.2	263.1	266.6	267.9	263.1	269.8	292.8
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	230.9	229.0	228.2	229.5	230.4	228.2	230.4	247.2
Western Canada	201.1	200.5	199.4	201.4	201.3	199.4	202.6	212.8

¹ - All 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices on the base 1956=100, advanced 2.5 per cent from 136.9 to 140.3 in the four-week period November 28th to December 26th. Indexes for all three major components increased as Industrials rose 3.2 per cent from 135.7 to 140.0, Utilities moved up 1.2 per cent from 135.9 to 137.5 and Finance increased 1.1 per cent from 143.5 to 145.1. In Industrials, eight of the thirteen sub-groups increased and the remaining five decreased. Principal changes included increases for Industrial Mines up 7.1 per cent from 133.6 to 143.1, Retail Trade up 5.5 per cent from 178.5 to 188.3 and Metal Fabricating up 4.0 per cent from 108.0 to 112.3, and decreases for Construction down 6.9 per cent from 63.5 to 59.1 and Non-metallic Minerals down 2.3 per cent from 134.4 to 131.3. Within Utilities, four of the five sub-groups advanced led by Gas Distribution up 2.5 per cent from 220.0 to 225.4 and Transportation up 2.2 per cent from 114.5 to 117.0. Telephones remained unchanged at 122.0. Within Finance, the index for Banks advanced 2.2 per cent from 136.9 to 139.9 while Investment and Loan declined 0.6 per cent from 155.7 to 154.8.

The index of Mining stocks edged up 0.7 per cent from 86.1 to 86.7 reflecting increases of 0.9 per cent for Golds, from 100.1 to 101.0, and 0.5 per cent for Base Metals, from 78.4 to 78.8.

Of the two supplementary indexes, Uraniums moved 3.4 per cent lower from 88.3 to 85.3 and Primary Oils and Gas rose 2.1 per cent from 66.7 to 68.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1963 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Dec. 26th	Dec. 19th	Dec. 12th	Dec. 5th	Nov. 28th	Dec. 1963	Nov. 1963	Dec. 1962
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	107	140.3	140.4	139.4	139.2	136.9	139.8	137.8	126.9
Industrials	75	140.0	139.9	138.7	138.4	135.7	139.2	136.5	124.0
Utilities	18	137.5	138.1	137.4	137.4	135.9	137.6	137.0	122.5
Finance ¹	14	145.1	145.5	145.2	145.0	143.5	145.2	144.8	146.0
Banks	6	139.9	139.9	138.8	139.1	136.9	139.4	138.2	138.6
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	86.7	86.5	86.2	86.5	86.1	86.5	87.6	88.6
Golds	16	101.0	100.6	99.9	99.5	100.1	100.2	102.0	102.5
Base Metals	8	78.8	78.7	78.7	79.3	78.4	78.9	79.6	81.0
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	85.3	84.9	85.1	84.9	88.3	85.0	89.7	81.6
Primary Oils and Gas	6	68.1	66.9	65.6	65.7	66.7	66.6	66.6	65.1

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index edged slightly higher to 137.0, up 0.1 per cent from 136.9, as a result of increases in the shelter component. Within shelter, the rent index was unchanged but the home-ownership index was higher. The household operation component of Housing was unchanged as scattered price increases for some items of furniture, floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment, and household supplies were not sufficient to move the index.

The Clothing index increased 0.2 per cent to 118.9 from 118.7. Indexes for men's wear, footwear and piece goods increased while indexes for women's wear, children's wear and clothing services moved down from the previous month.

The Transportation index fell 0.4 per cent to 140.6 from 141.2 reflecting a decrease in the index of automobile operation. Initial prices for the 1964 models of new passenger cars were below the year-end prices of 1963 models. Prices for gasoline and chassis lubrication were slightly lower while motor oil was somewhat higher.

The Health and Personal Care index moved to 165.4 from 164.8, an increase of 0.4 per cent, as a result of higher prices for men's haircuts.

The Recreation and Reading index rose 0.3 per cent to 151.4 from 151.0. In the Recreation component, prices were higher for toys. A newspaper price increase in Montreal moved the Reading component.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 118.5.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index for January 1964 was 134.2, unchanged from its level in December but 1.7 per cent above the January 1963 index of 132.0. Indexes for the Food, Health and Personal Care, and Tobacco and Alcohol components were unchanged between December and January. January indexes were higher for Housing, Transportation and Recreation and Reading, while the Clothing index was lower.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964	1963		1963
		January	December	November	January
All-Items	100	134.2	134.2	134.0	132.0
Food	27	131.4	131.4	130.8	129.0
Housing (2)	32	137.3	137.0	136.9	135.9
Clothing	11	117.7	118.9	118.7	114.7
Transportation	12	141.1	140.6	141.2	139.8
Health and Personal Care	7	165.4	165.4	164.8	159.8
Recreation and Reading	5	152.1	151.4	151.0	148.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	118.5	118.5	118.5	117.8

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index was unchanged in January from its level of 131.4 in December. Foods showing price increases included powdered skim milk, cheese, bread, cake, doughnuts, cake mix, coffee, margarine, bananas, apples, orange juice, most fresh and canned vegetables, chicken and a few cuts of meat. Lower prices were reported for evaporated milk, sugar, eggs, oranges, tomatoes, turkey and most cuts of meat.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.4 per cent in the three-week period January 3rd to January 24th. Prices for 10 commodities advanced and 3 declined while 17 remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for lead domestic, linseed oil, steers, raw sugar, hogs, white lead and fir timber, and decreases for beef hides, raw wool and raw rubber.

In the same three-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 0.3 per cent. The Field Products index rose 0.6 per cent reflecting higher prices for potatoes, oats, and wheat in the East and for rye, hay and flax in the West. The Animal Products index edged 0.2 per cent reflecting higher prices for lambs, steers and hogs on both Eastern and Western markets and for fluid milk in the East. Prices for eggs, calves and raw wool declined on both Eastern and Western markets.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Jan. 31st	Jan. 24th	Jan. 17th	Jan. 10th	Jan. 3rd	Jan. (P) 1964	Dec. 1963	Jan. 1963
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E	260.9	261.4	260.1	259.9	261.4	257.5	250.8
Canadian Farm Products		215.5	215.8	212.7	214.8	215.8	213.9	227.0
Field		166.8	167.3	167.0	165.8	167.3	164.7	170.7
Animal		264.2	264.2	258.5	263.7	264.2	263.1	283.3
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		230.5	231.2	228.7	229.0	231.2	228.3	244.9
Western Canada		200.6	200.4	196.8	200.5	200.4	199.5	209.2

1 - All 1963 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices on the base

1956=100 advanced 2.1 per cent from 143.1 to 146.1 in the four-week period January 2nd to January 30th. Indexes for all three major components increased as Industrials rose 2.7 per cent from 143.2 to 147.1, Utilities moved up 1.1 per cent from 139.9 to 141.5 and Finance increased 0.4 per cent from 146.4 to 147.0. In Industrials, eleven of the thirteen sub-groups increased and the remaining two decreased. Principal changes included increases for Non-metallic Minerals up 4.8 per cent from 135.2 to 141.7 and Construction up 4.7 per cent from 59.6 to 62.4, and decreases for Chemicals down 1.3 per cent from 140.4 to 138.6. Within Utilities, four of the five sub-groups advanced led by Electric Power up 4.0 per cent from 120.9 to 125.7 and Pipelines up 1.7 per cent from 161.0 to 163.7. Transportation declined 4.6 per cent from 123.0 to 117.3. Within Finance, the index for Investment and Loan advanced 1.6 per cent from 158.2 to 160.8 while Banks eased 0.4 per cent lower from 140.1 to 139.6.

The index of Mining stocks rose 3.2 per cent from 88.7 to 91.5 reflecting increases of 5.1 per cent for Base Metals from 80.1 to 84.2 and 0.5 per cent for Golds from 104.4 to 104.9.

Both supplementary indexes showed higher with Uraniums up 3.0 per cent from 84.5 to 87.0 and Primary Oils and Gas up 1.2 per cent from 68.3 to 69.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Jan. 30th	Jan. 23rd	Jan. 16th	Jan. 9th	Jan. 2nd	Jan. 1964	Dec. 1963	Jan. 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	111	146.1	147.2	146.9	145.6	143.1	145.8	139.8	133.2
Industrials	77	147.1	147.5	147.4	145.8	143.2	146.2	139.2	129.8
Utilities	20	141.5	142.6	142.5	141.5	139.9	141.6	137.6	130.0
Finance ¹	14	147.0	151.1	149.4	149.2	146.4	148.6	145.2	153.3
Banks	6	139.6	143.9	141.7	141.1	140.1	141.3	139.4	143.7
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	91.5	90.3	91.2	89.7	88.7	90.3	86.5	92.1
Golds	16	104.9	104.1	105.3	103.9	104.4	104.5	100.2	105.3
Base Metals	8	84.2	82.7	83.5	81.9	80.1	82.5	78.9	84.9
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	87.0	87.5	86.7	86.2	84.5	86.4	85.0	86.8
Primary Oils and Gas	9	69.1	70.0	70.0	70.1	68.3	69.5	66.6	65.9

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index increased 0.2 per cent to 137.3 from 137.0. Increases in the home-ownership index moved the shelter component. In the household operation component price increases for floor coverings and household supplies and services offset lower appliance prices.

The Clothing index fell 1.0 per cent to 117.7 from 118.9 as a result of January sale prices. The index for men's wear was unchanged, but indexes for women's and children's wear and footwear showed decreases.

The Transportation index rose to 141.1 from 140.6, an increase of 0.4 per cent resulting from higher street car and bus fares in Toronto. The automobile operation component declined slightly. Lower prices for new cars and gasoline were partly offset by increases for motor oil.

The Health and Personal Care index remained at its December level of 165.4.

The Recreation and Reading index moved up 0.5 per cent to 152.1 from 151.4. Price increases occurred for radios and phonograph records in the recreation component and for newspapers in the reading component.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 118.5.

NOTE

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 per cent to 134.5 from 134.2 between January and February 1964. The February index was 1.8 per cent above the February 1963 index of 132.1. In the current period, most of the increase resulted from a 1.1 per cent rise in the Transportation index but indexes for Recreation and Reading, Tobacco and Alcohol, and Clothing also were higher. The Housing and the Health and Personal Care indexes were unchanged, while the Food index declined slightly.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964		1963	1963
		February	January	December	February
All-Items	100	134.5	134.2	134.2	132.1
Food	27	131.3	131.4	131.4	129.4
Housing (2)	32	137.3	137.3	137.0	135.9
Clothing	11	117.8	117.7	118.9	114.8
Transportation	12	142.6	141.1	140.6	139.6
Health and Personal Care	7	165.4	165.4	165.4	159.9
Recreation and Reading	5	152.3	152.1	151.4	148.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	119.4	118.5	118.5	118.0

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index eased 0.1 per cent to 131.3 in February from 131.4 in January. Prices were higher for a number of foods including milk, flour, bread and other bakery products, coffee, most fresh fruits and vegetables and a few meats. Outweighing these increases were substantially lower prices for sugar,

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials,

calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.1 per cent from 261.0 to 261.2 in the three-week period January 31st to February 21st. Prices for seven commodities advanced, seven declined and sixteen remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for tin, raw rubber, steers, beef hides, and fir timber and decreases for raw sugar, hogs, oats and iron ore.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 0.6 per cent from 215.0 to 216.3. The Animal Products index rose 1.3 per cent from 263.6 to 267.1 as price increases for calves in the East and for steers on both Eastern and Western markets outweighed price declines for hogs both East and West, and for poultry on Eastern and calves on Western markets. The Field Products index declined 0.5 per cent from 166.4 to 165.5 reflecting lower prices for rye and hay on both Eastern and Western markets, and oats, potatoes and peas in the East. Prices moved higher for tobacco in the East and for potatoes in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Feb. 28th	Feb. 21st	Feb. 14th	Feb. 7th	Jan. 31st	Feb. (P) 1964	Jan. 1964	Feb. 1963
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E	261.2	260.4	260.0	261.0	260.4	259.5	250.0
Canadian Farm Products		216.3	215.9	215.5	215.0	215.9	215.8	235.6 ^r
Field		165.5	165.8	165.8	166.4	165.8	167.3	197.4 ^r
Animal		267.1	266.1	265.1	263.6	266.1	264.2	273.8
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		230.9	230.5	230.0	228.5	230.5	231.2	243.1 ^r
Western Canada		201.7	201.4	201.0	201.5	201.4	200.4	228.1 ^r

1 - All 1963 and 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains. The February 1963 index reflects final payments for wheat for the 1962-1963 crop year announced February 17, 1964.

(P) - Preliminary.

r - Revised, see note 1 above.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices on the base 1956=100, decreased 1.0 per cent from 146.1 to 144.6 in the four-week period January 30th to February 27th. All three major groups in the index declined as Finance dropped 1.4 per cent from 147.0 to 144.9, Industrials decreased 1.1 per cent from 147.1 to 145.5 and Utilities eased 0.7 per cent from 141.5 to 140.5. Within Finance, the index for Banks declined 2.8 per cent from 139.6 to 135.7 while Investment and Loan rose 0.9 per cent from 160.8 to 162.2. In Industrials, eleven of the thirteen sub-groups decreased and the remaining two increased. Principal changes included decreases for Retail Trade down 2.5 per cent from 195.5 to 190.7 and Industrial Mines down 2.4 per cent from 154.4 to 150.7 and increases for Chemicals up 2.9 per cent from 138.6 to 142.6. Within Utilities, four of the five sub-groups declined led by Gas Distribution down 1.6 per cent from 235.4 to 231.7 and Pipelines down 1.5 per cent from 163.7 to 161.3. Transportation edged up 0.7 per cent from 117.3 to 118.1.

The index of Mining stocks rose 2.4 per cent from 91.5 to 93.7 reflecting increases of 3.8 per cent for Base Metals from 84.2 to 87.4 and 0.3 per cent for Golds from 104.9 to 105.2.

Both supplementary indexes showed higher with Primary Oils and Gas up 3.8 per cent from 69.1 to 71.7 and Uraniums up 3.0 per cent from 87.0 to 89.6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Feb. 27th	Feb. 20th	Feb. 13th	Feb. 6th	Jan. 30th	Feb. 1964	Jan. 1964	Feb. 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	111	144.6	145.2	145.9	145.9	146.1	145.4	145.8	131.8
Industrials	77	145.5	146.1	147.0	146.9	147.1	146.4	146.2	129.0
Utilities	20	140.5	140.6	140.5	140.9	141.5	140.6	141.6	130.1
Finance¹	14	144.9	146.2	147.2	147.1	147.0	146.4	148.6	147.7
Banks	6	135.7	137.2	138.2	138.4	139.6	137.4	141.3	138.2
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	93.7	92.5	91.5	91.2	91.5	92.2	90.3	92.9
Golds	16	105.2	105.5	105.6	104.9	104.9	105.3	104.5	111.6
Base Metals	8	87.4	85.4	83.7	83.7	84.2	85.0	82.5	82.7
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	89.6	88.1	86.9	85.0	87.0	87.4	86.4	91.7
Primary Oils and Gas	9	71.7	71.5	72.1	71.3	69.1	71.6	69.5	62.4

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

which declined for the third consecutive month, eggs, most cuts of beef and pork, and fats.

The Housing index was unchanged at 137.3 as a slight increase in the shelter component was not sufficient to move the index. In shelter, rent was unchanged but the home-ownership index increased. In the household operation component lower prices for furniture and floor coverings balanced increases for textiles and some household supplies and services.

The Clothing index increased 0.1 per cent to 117.8 from 117.7 as price increases for some items of women's clothing outweighed sale price reductions for men's suits and coats. Indexes for children's wear, footwear and clothing services were unchanged.

The Transportation index advanced 1.1 per cent to 142.6 from 141.1 as a result of a sharp increase in insurance rates in the automobile operation component.

The Health and Personal Care index remained at 165.4 with both the health care and personal care components unchanged. Lower prices for some pharmaceuticals were not sufficient to move the health care index and in personal care, price changes were moderate and offsetting.

The Recreation and Reading index moved up 0.1 per cent as both the recreation and reading components increased fractionally. In recreation, prices were higher for camera film and bicycles, while price increases for newspapers in Saint John and Halifax moved the reading index.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index advanced 0.8 per cent to 119.4 from 118.5 as both the tobacco and the alcoholic beverages components moved higher. Scattered increases in the price of cigarettes and cigarette tobacco occurred in several cities and liquor prices increased in Ontario, Quebec and some Atlantic provinces.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

MARCH 1964

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.1 per cent to 134.6 at the beginning of March 1964 from 134.5 in February. The March index was 1.9 per cent above the March 1963 index of 132.1. Four of the seven main component groups were unchanged in the current period and three were higher with the Clothing index showing the largest increase.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		March	February	January	March
All-Items	100	134.6	134.5	134.2	132.1
Food	27	131.3	131.3	131.4	128.9
Housing (2)	32	137.5	137.3	137.3	136.0
Clothing	11	118.6	117.8	117.7	115.6
Transportation	12	143.0	142.6	141.1	139.6
Health and Personal Care	7	165.4	165.4	165.4	159.9
Recreation and Reading	5	152.3	152.3	152.1	148.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	119.4	119.4	118.5	118.0

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
 (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index was unchanged from its February level of 131.3. Prices were higher for most fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, cookies and sweet biscuits, coffee, butter and shortening and some cuts of meat. Price decreases occurred for sugar, continuing a decline which began in December 1963, beef, pork chops, chicken and eggs.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, moved down 1.1 per cent from 261.7 to 258.8 in the four-week period February 28th to March 26th. Prices for six commodities declined, eight advanced and sixteen remained unchanged. Principal changes included decreases for tin, raw wool, hogs, linseed oil, and raw sugar, and increases for beef hides, raw rubber, domestic copper, steers, raw cotton, and fir timber.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets eased 0.05 per cent from 214.6 to 214.5. The Animal Products index declined 0.4 per cent from 264.3 to 263.3 reflecting lower prices for hogs and raw wool on both Eastern and Western markets, and for eggs and calves in the East. Prices were higher for steers both East and West, lambs and cheesemilk in the East, and for calves in the West. The Field Products index rose 0.4 per cent from 165.0 to 165.7 as prices increased for potatoes in both Eastern and Western markets and for peas and oats in the East. Prices were lower for rye both East and West, hay and tobacco in the East and for flax in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Mar. 26th	Mar. 20th	Mar. 13th	Mar. 6th	Feb. 28th	Mar. (P) 1964	Feb. 1964	Mar. 1963
Industrial Materials	258.8	259.2	258.9	259.4	261.7	258.9	258.6	250.3
Canadian Farm Products	214.5	214.6	215.1	214.8	214.6	215.1	215.9	233.6
Field	165.7	164.4	164.7	164.6	165.0	164.7	165.6	198.4
Animal	263.3	264.8	265.6	265.0	264.3	265.6	266.2	268.8
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	226.4	226.8	227.8	227.1	227.9	227.8	230.4	242.0
Western Canada	202.5	202.3	202.4	202.5	201.3	202.4	201.4	225.3

1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1962 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices on the base 1956=100, advanced 3.2 per cent from 144.6 to 149.2 in the four-week period February 27th to March 26th. Among the three major groups, Industrials rose 4.4 per cent from 145.5 to 151.9 and Utilities rose 1.3 per cent from 140.5 to 142.3 while Finance remained unchanged at 144.9. Within Industrials, twelve of the thirteen sub-groups advanced led by Chemicals up 9.8 per cent from 142.6 to 156.6, and Textiles and Clothing up 6.2 per cent from 248.7 to 264.2. Construction declined 5.6 per cent from 62.1 to 58.6. In Utilities, three of the five sub-groups showed gains while two declined. Principal changes were Transportation up 4.8 per cent from 118.1 to 123.8 and Telephones down 1.2 per cent from 122.8 to 121.3. Within Finance, the index for Investment and Loan rose 0.9 per cent from 162.2 to 163.6 while Banks declined 0.6 per cent from 135.7 to 134.9.

In the same period, the index of Mining stocks advanced 3.2 per cent from 93.7 to 96.7 reflecting increases of 3.8 per cent for Base Metals from 87.4 to 90.7 and 2.4 per cent for Golds from 105.2 to 107.7.

Both supplementary indexes showed higher. Uraniums increased 1.1 per cent from 89.6 to 90.6 and Primary Oils and Gas rose 0.7 per cent from 71.7 to 72.2.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Mar. 26th	Mar. 19th	Mar. 12th	Mar. 5th	Feb. 27th	Mar. 1964	Feb. 1964	Mar. 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	110	149.2	147.9	146.0	145.3	144.6	147.1	145.4	132.3
Industrials	76	151.9	150.3	148.0	147.1	145.5	149.3	146.4	129.0
Utilities	20	142.3	141.3	140.0	139.7	140.5	140.8	140.6	131.9
Finance ¹	14	144.9	144.2	143.9	143.7	144.9	144.2	146.4	148.7
Banks	6	134.9	134.7	135.0	133.2	135.7	134.4	137.4	139.8
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	96.7	97.3	96.4	95.0	93.7	96.4	92.2	92.9
Golds	16	107.7	109.0	107.9	105.9	105.2	107.6	105.3	109.6
Base Metals	8	90.7	90.9	90.1	89.1	87.4	90.2	85.0	83.7
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	90.6	90.2	90.1	90.6	89.6	90.4	87.4	89.5
Primary Oils and Gas	8	72.2	72.5	72.8	71.2	71.7	72.2	71.6	63.4

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index increased 0.1 per cent to 137.5 from 137.3 as indexes for both the shelter and household operation components were higher. The shelter index rose 0.1 per cent as rent was unchanged and home-ownership prices increased slightly. The household operation index increased 0.2 per cent mainly as a result of higher prices for furniture, floor coverings and textiles. Prices for utensils and equipment were lower.

The Clothing index advanced 0.7 per cent to 118.6 from 117.8 as higher prices for men's, women's and children's wear, footwear and clothing services outweighed decreases in prices for piece goods.

The Transportation index at 143.0 was 0.3 per cent higher than the February index of 142.6. An increase in the Ontario gasoline tax from thirteen to fifteen cents a gallon, substantially higher license fees and increased prices for tires and batteries, moved the automobile operation component. Local transportation increased as a result of higher bus fares in a few cities.

The Health and Personal Care index was unchanged at 165.4. The health care component was unchanged and an increase in the personal care group was not sufficient to move the index.

The Recreation and Reading index remained at its February level of 152.3 as price increases for television repairs were offset by decreases for bicycles.

The index for Tobacco and Alcohol was unchanged at 119.4, despite a slight increase in prices of alcoholic beverages.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

APRIL 1964

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 per cent to 135.0 in April from 134.6 in March and thus was 2.0 per cent above the April 1963 index of 132.3. In April, higher prices in five of the seven main component groups exceeded declines which occurred in the Transportation, and Recreation and Reading components.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		April	March	February	April
All-Items	100	135.0	134.6	134.5	132.3
Food	27	131.8	131.3	131.3	128.9
Housing (2)	32	137.8	137.5	137.3	136.0
Clothing	11	119.1	118.6	117.8	115.7
Transportation	12	142.8	143.0	142.6	139.2
Health and Personal Care	7	166.5	165.4	165.4	162.1
Recreation and Reading	5	151.0	152.3	152.3	148.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	119.5	119.4	119.4	117.9

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
 (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index advanced 0.4 per cent to 131.8 from 131.3 in March. Higher prices were reported for a variety of items including fruits, beef, poultry, coffee, milk, ice cream, flour, soda crackers, macaroni, shortening, and some vegetables. Prices were lower for sugar, bread, cookies, eggs, a few vegetables and some cuts of meat.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials,

calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.8 per cent from 258.8 to 260.9 in the four-week period March 26th to April 24th. Prices for 10 commodities advanced and 4 declined, while 16 remained unchanged. Principal changes included a sharp increase for beef hides, lesser increases for raw sugar, domestic zinc, oats, steers and raw wool, and decreases for linseed oil, raw rubber and tin.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products eased 0.1 per cent from 215.1 to 214.9. The Animal Products index moved down 0.5 per cent from 264.5 to 263.2 reflecting lower prices for calves and steers in the West, poultry in the East, and eggs on both Eastern and Western markets. Prices were higher for lambs and raw wool both East and West, and for calves and steers in the East. The Field Products index rose 0.5 per cent from 165.7 to 166.5 as a sharp increase for potatoes both East and West and a smaller increase for hay in the West offset decreases for tobacco, wheat, peas and oats in the East and flax in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Apr. 24th	Apr. 17th	Apr. 10th	Apr. 3rd	Mar. 26th	Apr. (P) 1964	Mar. 1964	Apr. 1963
Industrial Materials.....	260.9	260.7	259.9	259.4	258.8	260.7	257.1	252.1
Canadian Farm Products ...	214.9	215.4	215.4	215.2	215.1 ^r	215.4	215.1	231.6 ^r
Field	166.5	165.7	166.0	166.7	165.7	165.7	164.7	196.6 ^r
Animal.....	263.2	265.0	264.8	263.6	264.5 ^r	265.0	265.6	266.6
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	229.1	228.3	229.1	229.4	227.3 ^r	228.3	227.8	234.5 ^r
Western Canada	200.6	202.5	201.7	200.9	202.8 ^r	202.5	202.4	228.7 ^r

- 1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1963 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains. The April 1963 index reflects final payments for the crop year 1962-63 for oats announced April 14, 1964 and barley announced March 26, 1964.
- (P) - Preliminary.
- r - Revised.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices on the base

1956=100, advanced 4.8 per cent from 149.2 to a high of 156.3 in the four-week period March 26th to April 23rd. Indexes for all three major components increased: Industrials rose 5.4 per cent from 151.9 to 160.1, Utilities moved up 3.4 per cent from 142.3 to 147.1 and Finance increased 3.3 per cent from 144.9 to 149.7. In Industrials, eleven of the thirteen sub-groups increased and the remaining two decreased. Principal sub-group changes included: Metal Fabricating up 10.6 per cent from 119.9 to 132.6, Construction up 8.9 per cent from 58.6 to 63.8, and Chemicals down 0.8 per cent from 156.6 to 155.4. Within Utilities, four of the five sub-groups advanced led by Transportation up 12.1 per cent from 123.8 to 138.8 and Pipelines up 4.2 per cent from 165.4 to 172.3. Gas Distribution declined 1.7 per cent from 229.7 to 225.8. In Finance, both sub-groups advanced with Banks up 4.3 per cent from 134.9 to 140.7 and Investment and Loan up 1.9 per cent from 163.6 to 166.7.

The index of Mining stocks edged 1.1 per cent higher from 96.7 to 97.8 reflecting an increase of 2.1 per cent for Base Metals from 90.7 to 92.6 and a decrease of 0.3 per cent for Golds from 107.7 to 107.4.

Of the two supplementary indexes, Primary Oils and Gas advanced 16.6 per cent from 72.2 to 84.2 and Uraniums declined 4.1 per cent from 90.6 to 86.9.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Apr. 23rd	Apr. 16th	Apr. 9th	Apr. 2nd	Mar. 26th	Apr.(P) 1964	Mar. 1964	Apr. 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	110	156.3	154.6	153.5	152.4	149.2	154.2	147.1	137.6
Industrials	76	160.1	158.3	156.9	155.9	151.9	157.8	149.3	134.7
Utilities	20	147.1	145.8	145.3	144.5	142.3	145.7	140.8	135.7
Finance ¹	14	149.7	147.6	147.6	145.7	144.9	147.6	144.2	153.9
Banks	6	140.7	138.2	137.9	135.9	134.9	138.2	134.4	145.6
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	97.8	96.7	98.2	99.0	96.7	97.9	96.4	93.2
Golds	16	107.4	104.8	106.2	108.8	107.7	106.8	107.6	107.8
Base Metals	8	92.6	92.3	93.8	93.6	90.7	93.1	90.2	85.2
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	86.9	89.8	91.0	93.2	90.6	90.2	90.4	92.4
Primary Oils and Gas	8	84.2	77.4	75.5	75.0	72.2	78.0	72.2	67.9

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

(P) Preliminary, average of 4 weeks.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index increased 0.2 per cent to 137.8 from 137.5. The shelter index was up 0.2 per cent on higher prices for repairs. The household operation component rose 0.3 per cent because of higher prices for furniture, appliances, utensils and equipment. Prices were down slightly for floor coverings, and household supplies.

The Clothing index advanced 0.4 per cent to 119.1 from 118.6 with higher prices reported for men's, and women's wear, piece goods, footwear, and jewellery. Prices for children's wear were lower.

The Transportation index eased down 0.1 per cent to 142.8 from 143.0. Prices were higher for motor oil in some cities but were outweighed by lower prices for new cars.

The Health and Personal Care index rose 0.7 per cent to 166.5 from 165.4. The health care component advanced 0.9 per cent with generally higher prices for doctors', and dentists' fees, and optical care.

The Recreation and Reading index decreased 0.9 per cent to 151.0 from 152.3. Higher prices for newspapers in some cities were outweighed by lower subscription rates for certain magazines.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index edged up 0.1 per cent to 119.5 from 119.4 as a result of higher liquor prices in Western Canada and New Brunswick.

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

MAY 1964

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index for May 1964 was 135.0, unchanged from April, but 2.0 per cent higher than the May 1963 index of 132.3. Between April and May, decreases in the food, clothing and transportation indexes offset increases for housing, health and personal care, recreation and reading, and tobacco and alcohol.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		May	April	March	May
All-Items	100	135.0	135.0	134.6	132.3
Food	27	131.2	131.8	131.3	128.3
Housing (2)	32	138.3	137.8	137.5	136.0
Clothing	11	118.7	119.1	118.6	115.6
Transportation	12	142.4	142.8	143.0	140.6
Health and Personal Care	7	167.3	166.5	165.4	162.6
Recreation and Reading	5	151.5	151.0	152.3	148.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	120.2	119.5	119.4	117.8

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
 (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index declined 0.5 per cent to 131.2 from 131.8 in April. Prices for fresh fruits and vegetables, powdered skim milk, bread, flour, cake mix, sugar, coffee, and some cuts of beef and fresh pork increased. Lower prices were reported for eggs, tea bags, pickles, some seasonal vegetables, cured pork, veal and chicken.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹

(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.7 per cent from 260.7 to 259.0 in the three-week period May 1st to May 22nd. Prices for seven commodities declined, three advanced and twenty remained unchanged. Principal changes included a sharp decrease for raw sugar, lesser decreases for beef hides and domestic wheat, and increases for hogs and raw rubber.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 1.3 per cent from 216.6 to 219.4. The Field Products index rose 2.8 per cent from 166.4 to 171.1 as potato prices showed sharply higher on both Eastern and Western markets, and more moderate increases were reported for corn and peas in the East and rye in the West. Prices were lower for tobacco in the East and hay in the West. The Animal Products index moved up 0.3 per cent from 266.8 to 267.6 reflecting higher prices for hogs on both Eastern and Western markets and for calves in the West. Showing lower were eggs and raw wool on both markets, calves in the East, and fluid milk and steers in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	May 29th	May 22nd	May 15th	May 8th	May 1st	May (P) 1964	Apr. 1964	May 1963
Industrial Materials	E L I A B L E	259.0	260.5	260.9	260.7	260.5	258.8	254.8
Canadian Farm Products		219.4	219.1	217.0	216.6	219.1	215.4	234.5
Field		171.1	170.8	167.3	166.4	170.8	165.7	197.1
Animal		267.6	267.4	266.7	266.8	267.4	265.0	271.9
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	N O T	235.3	234.7	230.9	229.9	234.7	228.3	239.3
Western Canada		203.4	203.5	203.1	203.4	203.5	202.5	229.7

1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1963 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices on the base 1956=100, advanced 4.1 per cent from 155.0 to a high of 161.4 in the four-week period April 30th to May 28th. Indexes for all three major components increased. Utilities rose 5.2 per cent from 145.9 to 153.5. Industrials moved up 4.2 per cent from 158.7 to 165.4 and Finance increased 2.2 per cent from 148.3 to 151.6. In Utilities, indexes for all five sub-groups advanced led by Transportation up 10.8 per cent from 139.1 to 154.1 and Telephone up 5.8 per cent from 124.2 to 131.4. Also within Industrials, indexes for all thirteen sub-groups increased, headed by Metal Fabricating up 14.1 per cent from 128.5 to 146.6 and Retail Trade up 8.8 per cent from 211.5 to 230.1. Both sub-groups in Finance showed gains as Investment and Loan rose 4.2 per cent from 162.4 to 169.3 and Banks rose 1.0 per cent from 140.8 to 142.2.

The index of Mining stocks declined 0.3 per cent from 97.8 to 97.5, reflecting a decrease of 3.0 per cent for Base Metals from 92.7 to 89.9 which was partially offset by an increase of 4.0 per cent for Golds from 107.1 to 111.4.

Of the two supplementary indexes, Primary Oils and Gas moved 2.7 per cent higher from 81.2 to 83.4 and Uraniums declined 2.6 per cent from 87.9 to 85.6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		May 28th	May 21st	May 14th	May 7th	Apr. 30th	May 1964	Apr. 1964	May 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	110	161.4	160.8	160.4	157.8	155.0	160.1	154.4	142.1
Industrials	76	165.4	165.1	165.2	161.7	158.7	164.4	158.0	139.6
Utilities	20	153.5	152.0	150.2	148.9	145.9	151.2	145.7	140.2
Finance ¹	14	151.6	151.0	149.8	150.0	148.3	150.6	147.8	156.1
Banks	6	142.2	142.7	142.2	142.6	140.8	142.4	138.7	147.4
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	97.5	99.5	100.2	98.8	97.8	99.0	97.9	92.5
Golds	16	111.4	110.0	110.6	107.3	107.1	109.8	106.9	106.2
Base Metals	8	89.9	93.8	94.5	94.2	92.7	93.1	93.0	85.0
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	85.6	82.4	82.9	83.6	87.9	83.6	89.8	97.5
Primary Oils and Gas	8	83.4	80.9	82.2	81.8	81.2	82.1	78.7	68.7

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index rose 0.4 per cent to 138.3 from 137.8. Higher prices for both rent and home-ownership moved the shelter component. In the household operation component slightly higher prices for furniture, floor coverings and household supplies were balanced by lower prices for textiles and utensils and equipment.

The Clothing index declined 0.3 per cent to 118.7 from 119.1 as a result of sales in men's, and women's wear and piece goods. Prices for children's wear and footwear were slightly higher.

The Transportation index decreased 0.3 per cent to 142.4 from 142.8, reflecting scattered lower prices for new cars and lower train fares. Prices for gasoline and motor oil increased in a few cities.

The Health and Personal Care index advanced 0.5 per cent to 167.3 from 166.5. Higher prices were reported for some personal care supplies, men's haircuts, and women's hairdressing.

The Recreation and Reading index increased 0.3 per cent to 151.5 from 151.0. Higher prices for motion picture admissions, camera film, bicycles and toys moved the recreation component, while higher prices for newspapers caused a slight increase in the reading component.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was up 0.6 per cent to 120.2 from 119.5 mainly as a result of higher prices for beer and liquor in the Maritimes.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

Between May and June 1964, the Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 per cent to 135.3 from 135.0. The June index was 1.9 per cent above the June 1963 index of 132.8. In the current period, the increase was chiefly a result of a 1.0 per cent increase in the Food group with lesser increases in the Housing and Clothing components. The Transportation and Recreation and Reading components decreased slightly, while Health and Personal Care and Tobacco and Alcohol were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		June	May	April	June
All-Items	100	135.3	135.0	135.0	132.8
Food	27	132.5	131.2	131.8	129.7
Housing (2)	32	138.4	138.3	137.8	136.0
Clothing	11	119.0	118.7	119.1	116.0
Transportation	12	142.0	142.4	142.8	140.3
Health and Personal Care	7	167.3	167.3	166.5	162.7
Recreation and Reading	5	151.4	151.5	151.0	149.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	120.2	120.2	119.5	117.8

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index advanced 1.0 per cent to 132.5 from 131.2 in May. Price increases were reported for most fresh and canned fruit, fresh vegetables, meats and poultry. Prices were lower for eggs, sugar, oranges, strawberries, and tomatoes.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials,

calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.2 per cent from 259.2 to 259.6 in the three-week period May 29th to June 19th. Prices for five commodities advanced and 3 declined, while 22 remained unchanged. Changes included increases for tin, hogs, linseed oil and raw wool, and decreases for raw sugar, beef hides and raw rubber.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 3.7 per cent from 219.1 to 227.2. The Field Products index rose 5.9 per cent from 170.6 to 180.7 as potato prices showed sharply higher on both Eastern and Western markets, and more moderate increases were reported for rye and barley in the East, and hay in the West. Prices were lower for hay, wheat and peas in the East. The Animal Products index moved up 2.3 per cent from 267.5 to 273.7 reflecting higher prices on both Eastern and Western markets for hogs, eggs and raw wool, and for lambs and steers in the ^{West} East. Showing lower were calves on both markets, and lambs and poultry in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	June 26th	June 19th	June 12th	June 5th	May 29th	June (P) 1964	May 1964	June 1963
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E	259.6	259.7	259.3	259.2	259.6	258.7	254.9
Canadian Farm Products		227.2	228.4	224.7	219.1	227.2	219.1	240.1
Field		180.7	182.0	177.8	170.6	180.7	170.8	200.1
Animal		273.7	274.7	271.6	267.5	273.7	267.4	280.1
Regional Indexes:	N O T							
Eastern Canada		248.4	250.6	244.6	236.3	248.4	234.7	247.2
Western Canada		205.9	206.2	204.8	201.8	205.9	203.5	233.0

1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1963 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, advanced 0.1 per cent from 161.4 to 161.5 in the four-week period May 28th to June 25th. Among the three major groups, Utilities advanced 0.6 per cent from 153.5 to 154.4, Industrials edged 0.1 per cent from 165.4 to 165.6 and Finance declined 0.7 per cent from 151.6 to 150.6. In Utilities, four of the five sub-groups showed gains led by Gas Distribution up 2.3 per cent from 229.3 to 234.5 and Electric Power up 1.5 per cent from 134.5 to 136.5. Transportation declined 3.8 per cent from 154.1 to 148.3. Within Industrials, six of the thirteen sub-groups advanced, six declined, and one remained unchanged. Gains were headed by Construction up 6.4 per cent from 67.5 to 71.8 and Metal Fabricating up 6.1 per cent from 146.6 to 155.6, while losses were headed by Non-metallic Minerals down 2.4 per cent from 161.9 to 158.0. In Finance, both sub-groups declined with Banks down 1.1 per cent from 142.2 to 140.7 and Investment and Loan down 0.1 per cent from 169.3 to 169.1.

The index of Mining stocks declined 0.6 per cent from 97.5 to 96.9 over the same period, reflecting decreases of 0.7 per cent from 89.9 to 89.3 for Base Metals and 0.4 per cent for Golds from 111.4 to 110.9.

Both supplementary indexes declined with Uraniums down 12.0 per cent from 85.6 to 75.3 and Primary Oils and Gas down 4.6 per cent from 83.4 to 79.6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		June 25th	June 18th	June 11th	June 4th	May 28th	June 1964	May 1964	June 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	111	161.5	161.5	159.7	159.4	161.4	160.5	160.1	139.9
Industrials	77	165.6	164.9	162.8	162.9	165.4	164.0	164.4	137.4
Utilities	20	154.4	155.6	153.9	152.2	153.5	154.0	151.2	139.3
Finance¹	14	150.6	152.4	152.0	151.6	151.6	151.6	150.6	152.5
Banks	6	140.7	142.7	142.0	141.2	142.2	141.6	142.4	144.9
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	96.9	96.4	96.2	96.0	97.5	96.4	99.0	90.8
Golds	16	110.9	111.6	111.3	111.8	111.4	111.4	109.8	107.6
Base Metals	8	89.3	88.1	88.0	87.3	89.9	88.2	93.1	81.5
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	75.3	75.5	76.3	84.1	85.6	77.8	83.6	96.1
Primary Oils and Gas	7	79.6	79.9	81.1	81.3	83.4	80.5	82.1	64.3

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index edged up 0.1 per cent to 138.4 from 138.3. The shelter component moved up as a result of increased rent and higher home-ownership prices. In the household operation component, slightly higher prices for floor coverings and textiles were offset by lower prices for fuel and furniture.

The Clothing index was 0.3 per cent higher at 119.0 from 118.7 as a result of increased prices for men's and children's wear, footwear, piece goods and clothing services.

The Transportation index declined 0.3 per cent to 142.0 from 142.4. The automobile operation component was lower as a result of scattered lower prices for new cars, gasoline and chassis lubrication. In the travel component, decreases in rail and bus fares in Ontario and Quebec moved the index.

The Health and Personal Care index was unchanged from its May level of 167.3.

The Recreation and Reading index was 0.1 per cent lower at 151.4 from 151.5. Lower prices for sports equipment moved the recreation component, while reading was unchanged.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 120.2.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

JULY 1964

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.7 per cent to 136.2 from 135.3 between June and July 1964. The July index was 2.0 per cent above the July 1963 index of 133.5. In the current period, the increase was mainly a result of an increase of 2.2 per cent in the Food group with lesser increases in the Housing, and Recreation and Reading components. The Transportation component declined slightly, while the remaining three main components of the index were unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		July	June	May	July
All-Items	100	136.2	135.3	135.0	133.5
Food	27	135.4	132.5	131.2	132.5
Housing (2)	32	138.7	138.4	138.3	135.9
Clothing	11	119.0	119.0	118.7	115.7
Transportation	12	141.6	142.0	142.4	140.7
Health and Personal Care	7	167.3	167.3	167.3	162.6
Recreation and Reading	5	151.5	151.4	151.5	148.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	120.2	120.2	120.2	118.2

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index was 135.4, up 2.2 per cent from 132.5, due to higher prices for most fresh vegetables, some fresh and canned fruits, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, eggs, bread and other cereal products. Lower prices were reported for sugar, jam, lettuce and cabbage.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials,

calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.4 per cent from 259.4 to 258.3 in the four-week period June 26th to July 24th. Prices for eight commodities declined, five advanced and seventeen remained unchanged. Principal changes included a sharp decrease for raw sugar, lesser decreases for raw rubber, raw wool, and sisal, and increases for linseed oil and beef hides.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets declined 0.7 per cent from 226.0 to 224.5 as both the Animal and Field Products components declined. The Animal Products index dropped 1.0 per cent from 271.6 to 269.0 and Field Products, 0.1 per cent from 180.3 to 180.1. Prices were sharply lower for lambs on both Eastern and Western markets and for potatoes and calves in the West. Prices also were lower for rye, corn, peas, calves, poultry, raw wool and hogs on Eastern and for steers, raw wool and hogs on Western markets. Substantial price increases were recorded for eggs and hay both East and West, and more moderate advances occurred for oats in the East and flax in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	July 24th	July 17th	July 10th	July 3rd	June 26th	July (P) 1964	June 1964	July 1963
Industrial Materials	258.3	259.2	259.0	259.4	259.4	259.2	257.8	255.1
Canadian Farm Products	224.5	223.7	224.5	225.1	226.0	223.7	227.2	242.3
Field	180.1	179.1	179.3	180.2	180.3	179.1	180.7	198.6
Animal	269.0	268.3	269.6	269.9	271.6	268.3	273.8	286.1
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	245.7	245.3	245.8	245.3	246.2	245.3	248.5	249.5
Western Canada	203.3	202.1	203.1	204.9	205.8	202.1	205.9	235.1

1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes from July 1963 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, advanced 1.8 per cent from 162.6 to 165.5 in the four-week period July 2nd to July 30th. Indexes for all three major groups increased as Finance rose 3.2 per cent from 151.3 to 156.1, Utilities moved up 1.7 per cent from 155.0 to 157.6, and Industrials advanced 1.5 per cent from 166.9 to 169.4. Both sub-groups in Finance increased with Banks up 4.7 per cent from 142.0 to 148.7. In Utilities, two of the five sub-groups showed gains led by Gas Distribution up 10.2 per cent from 232.6 to 256.3 and Pipelines up 3.0 per cent from 180.9 to 186.3. Electric Power declined 1.2 per cent from 136.9 to 135.2. Within Industrials, eight of the thirteen sub-groups advanced and five declined. Gains were headed by Textiles and Clothing up 8.5 per cent from 285.4 to 309.6 and Retail Trade up 7.5 per cent from 230.8 to 248.0, while losses were led by Metal Fabricating down 1.4 per cent from 154.0 to 151.9.

The index of Mining stocks advanced 2.2 per cent from 98.0 to 100.2 over the same period reflecting increases of 2.5 per cent from 90.7 to 93.0 for Base Metals and 1.9 per cent for Golds from 111.3 to 113.4.

Both supplementary indexes were higher with Uraniums up 2.5 per cent from 75.6 to 77.5 and Primary Oils and Gas up 4.0 per cent from 81.5 to 84.8.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		July 30th	July 23rd	July 16th	July 9th	July 2nd	July 1964	June 1964	July 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	111	165.5	166.1	165.5	164.5	162.6	164.8	160.5	135.8
Industrials	77	169.4	170.8	169.6	169.0	166.9	169.1	164.0	133.0
Utilities	20	157.6	158.1	158.4	156.7	155.0	157.2	154.0	137.0
Finance ¹	14	156.1	153.5	154.1	152.4	151.3	153.5	151.6	147.4
Banks	6	148.7	144.7	144.6	142.4	142.0	144.5	141.6	139.8
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	100.2	101.0	99.2	98.0	98.0	99.3	96.4	90.8
Golds	16	113.4	114.6	112.4	110.5	111.3	112.4	111.4	109.5
Base Metals	8	93.0	93.6	92.0	91.2	90.7	92.1	88.2	80.5
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	77.5	78.2	80.6	78.5	75.6	78.1	77.8	90.5
Primary Oils and Gas	7	84.8	85.2	83.5	81.5	81.5	83.3	80.5	62.9

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index increased 0.2 per cent to 138.7 from 138.4. The shelter component was slightly higher as a result of increased rent and home-ownership prices. The household operation component was unchanged.

The Clothing index was unchanged from its June level of 119.0. Slightly lower prices for men's and children's wear, and footwear were balanced by moderately higher prices for knitting yarn.

The Transportation index was 0.3 per cent lower at 141.6 from 142.0 as a result of widespread decreases in prices of new cars and lower prices for gasoline in a few cities.

The Health and Personal Care index remained constant at 167.3. The health component was unchanged, and in the personal care component lower prices for some personal care supplies were offset by an increase in the price of men's haircuts.

The Recreation and Reading index edged up 0.1 per cent to 151.5 from 151.4 with a decrease in the recreation component not sufficient to offset an increase in reading. In recreation, prices were lower for radios, television sets and phonograph records. Higher newspaper prices in some cities moved the reading index.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 120.2.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

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The Consumer Price Index decreased 0.1 per cent to 136.1 at the beginning of August 1964 from 136.2 in July. The August index was 1.6 per cent above the August 1963 index of 133.9. The Food, Clothing and Transportation components contributed to the decline in the current period. The Housing, Recreation and Reading, and Tobacco and Alcohol components were unchanged while Health and Personal Care increased slightly.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		August	July	June	August
All-Items	100	136.1	136.2	135.3	133.9
Food	27	135.1	135.4	132.5	133.2
Housing (2)	32	138.7	138.7	138.4	136.3
Clothing	11	118.9	119.0	119.0	115.9
Transportation	12	141.4	141.6	142.0	141.0
Health and Personal Care	7	167.5	167.3	167.3	162.8
Recreation and Reading	5	151.5	151.5	151.4	148.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	120.2	120.2	120.2	118.1

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index was 0.2 per cent lower in August at 135.1 from 135.4, reflecting lower prices for fresh fruit and vegetables, sugar, jam, lamb, veal and lower priced cuts of beef. Prices were higher for dairy products, eggs, coffee and tea, soft drinks, catsup, butter, margarine, higher priced beef cuts, rib chops, cured pork, fish, and poultry.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials,

calculated as an unweighted geometric average, rose 1.3 per cent from 258.1 to 261.5 in the three-week period July 31st to August 21st. Prices for seven commodities advanced and nine declined, while fourteen remained unchanged. Principal changes included a sharp increase for steel scrap, lesser increases for domestic copper, hogs, linseed oil, raw wool and beef hides, and decreases for sisal, steers and tin.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved down 2.5 per cent from 224.5 to 218.8. The Field Products index declined 8.0 per cent from 180.0 to 165.6 reflecting a sharp decrease for potatoes on both Eastern and Western markets, and more moderate decreases for peas and barley in the East and flax in the West. Prices were higher for hay in the West. The Animal Products index moved up 1.1 per cent from 269.0 to 272.0 reflecting higher prices on both Eastern and Western markets for eggs, hogs and fluid milk, and steers and raw wool in the West. Showing lower were lambs on both markets, and steers, calves and poultry in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

		1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
		Aug. 28th	Aug. 21st	Aug. 14th	Aug. 7th	July 31st	Aug. (P) 1964	July 1964	Aug. 1963
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E		261.5	261.8	261.8	258.1	261.8	257.3	251.4
Canadian Farm Products			218.8	220.9	223.0	224.5	220.9	223.7	227.6
Field			165.6	172.1	177.1	180.0	172.1	179.1	169.6
Animal			272.0	269.7	268.9	269.0	269.7	268.3	285.6
Regional Indexes:	N O T								
Eastern Canada			231.8	237.6	242.4	245.3	237.6	245.3	243.6
Western Canada			205.8	204.3	203.7	203.6	204.3	202.1	211.7

1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes subsequent to July 1963 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices on the base 1956=100, decreased 0.5 per cent from 165.5 to 164.6 in the four-week period July 30th to August 27th. All three major groups in the index declined as Industrials dropped 0.6 per cent from 169.4 to 168.4, Finance decreased 0.4 per cent from 156.1 to 155.5 and Utilities eased 0.2 per cent from 157.6 to 157.3. In Industrials, indexes for nine of the thirteen sub-groups declined and the remaining four advanced. Losses were headed by Metal Fabricating down 5.8 per cent from 151.9 to 143.1 and Foods down 4.4 per cent from 198.4 to 189.7, while gains were led by Petroleum up 2.2 per cent from 115.8 to 118.3. In Finance, both sub-groups declined with Banks down 0.5 per cent from 148.7 to 147.9 and Investment and Loan down 0.1 per cent from 169.9 to 169.8. Within Utilities, three of the five sub-groups showed lower while two increased. Principal changes included Gas Distribution down 1.6 per cent from 256.3 to 252.3, Pipelines down 1.3 per cent from 186.3 to 183.9 and Transportation up 1.9 per cent from 150.5 to 153.4.

The index of Mining stocks advanced 1.8 per cent from 100.2 to 102.0 over the same four-week period reflecting increases of 2.6 per cent from 93.0 to 95.4 for Base Metals and 0.5 per cent from 113.4 to 114.0 for Golds.

Of the two supplementary indexes, Uraniums moved 3.6 per cent higher from 77.5 to 80.3 and Primary Oils and Gas declined 0.8 per cent from 84.8 to 84.1.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Aug. 27th	Aug. 20th	Aug. 13th	Aug. 6th	July 30th	Aug. 1964	July 1964	Aug. 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	111	164.6	164.7	165.6	163.8	165.5	164.7	164.8	133.2
Industrials	77	168.4	168.0	169.2	167.5	169.4	168.3	169.1	130.7
Utilities	20	157.3	158.1	158.1	155.8	157.6	157.3	157.2	134.7
Finance ¹	14	155.5	157.1	157.2	155.7	156.1	156.4	153.5	142.8
Banks	6	147.9	150.0	150.3	148.5	148.7	149.2	144.5	136.6
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	102.0	102.0	101.1	98.9	100.2	101.0	99.3	90.6
Golds	16	114.0	113.3	112.7	111.4	113.4	112.8	112.4	111.8
Base Metals	8	95.4	95.8	94.7	92.1	93.0	94.5	92.1	79.0
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	80.3	80.1	79.0	76.8	77.5	79.0	78.1	89.7
Primary Oils and Gas	7	84.1	84.4	83.4	83.0	84.8	83.7	83.3	62.8

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index was unchanged from its July level of 138.7 as a slight increase in the shelter component offset a decrease in household operation. In shelter, higher insurance rates moved the index. The household operation index declined 0.1 per cent reflecting sale prices for furniture, floor coverings, curtain material, and utensils and equipment. Prices for household supplies and services were slightly higher.

The Clothing index declined 0.1 per cent to 118.9 from 119.0, as a result of sale prices for men's and children's wear and footwear. Slightly higher prices were recorded for women's wear and piece goods.

The Transportation index was 0.1 per cent lower at 141.4 from 141.6 in July. Lower prices for new cars moved the automobile operation component while lower taxi fares in a few cities were not sufficient to move the local transportation component.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.1 per cent to 167.5 from 167.3. An increase in the health care component resulted from higher prices for pharmaceuticals and prescriptions while the personal care component declined due to lower prices for some personal care supplies.

The Recreation and Reading index was unchanged at 151.5. Slightly higher prices for admissions to sporting events, camera film and bicycles were not sufficient to move the index.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index remained at 120.2.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.4 per cent to 135.6 in September from 136.1 in August. The September index was 1.6 per cent above the September 1963 index of 133.4. The decrease in the current period was caused mainly by a decrease of 1.8 per cent in the Food group, with a smaller decline in the Recreation and Reading component. The Housing, Clothing, Transportation and Health and Personal Care components edged upward, while Tobacco and Alcohol was unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		September	August	July	September
All-Items	100	135.6	136.1	136.2	133.4
Food	27	132.7	135.1	135.4	131.3
Housing (2)	32	138.9	138.7	138.7	136.5
Clothing	11	119.4	118.9	119.0	116.1
Transportation	12	141.6	141.4	141.6	141.1
Health and Personal Care	7	167.7	167.5	167.3	162.7
Recreation and Reading	5	150.9	151.5	151.5	149.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	120.2	120.2	120.2	118.1

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index decreased 1.8 per cent to 132.7 from 135.1, chiefly reflecting further marked seasonal price decreases for fresh fruits and vegetables. Lower prices were also reported for sugar, sirloin steak, ham, lamb and poultry. Prices were higher for eggs and most cuts of beef.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.2 per cent from 261.2 to 260.8 in the four-week period August 28th to September 25th. Prices for ten commodities declined and seven advanced, while thirteen remained unchanged. Principal changes included a sharp decrease for raw sugar, lesser decreases for sisal, linseed oil, hogs, fir timber and raw cotton, and increases for tin, raw rubber, domestic lead, steers, white lead and raw wool.

In the same four-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved down 1.1 per cent from 217.9 to 215.4. The Field Products index declined 1.2 per cent from 163.8 to 161.8, reflecting a sharp decrease for potatoes on both Eastern and Western markets, and more moderate decreases for rye in the East and flax in the West. Prices were higher for corn, wheat, barley and peas in the East and hay in the West. The Animal Products index moved down 1.1 per cent from 272.0 to 269.0, reflecting sharp price decreases for eggs and lesser declines for hogs on both Eastern and Western markets, and decreases for steers in the West and lambs in the East. Prices were higher for calves and raw wool on both markets, lambs in the West and steers in the East.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Sept. 25th	Sept. 18th	Sept. 11th	Sept. 4th	Aug. 28th	Sept. (P) 1964	Aug. 1964	Sept. 1963
Industrial Materials	260.8	260.7	261.5	261.9	261.2	260.7	259.9	251.0
Canadian Farm Products	215.4	215.9	217.1	218.1	217.9	215.9	220.9	224.5
Field	161.8	162.2	160.9	161.7	163.8	162.2	172.1	163.9
Animal	269.0	269.6	273.2	274.4	272.0	269.6	269.8	285.2
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	228.4	228.8	229.0	230.6	230.9	228.8	237.5	237.7
Western Canada	202.4	202.9	205.1	205.5	204.9	202.9	204.3	211.4

1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes subsequent to July 1963 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, advanced 2.6 per cent from 164.6 to 168.9 in the four-week period August 27th to September 24th. Indexes for all three major groups increased as Industrials rose 2.8 per cent from 168.4 to 173.1, Utilities moved up 2.5 per cent from 157.3 to 161.3 and Finance advanced 1.7 per cent from 155.5 to 158.1. In Industrials, indexes for ten of the thirteen sub-groups advanced and three declined. Gains were headed by Construction up 8.3 per cent from 73.2 to 79.3 and Industrial Mines up 4.9 per cent from 170.6 to 178.9, while losses were led by Foods down 0.5 per cent from 189.7 to 188.8. Within Utilities, four of the five sub-groups showed gains led by Transportation up 13.2 per cent from 153.4 to 173.6 and Telephone up 2.0 per cent from 131.7 to 134.3. Electric Power declined 0.8 per cent from 136.2 to 135.1. Both sub-groups in Finance increased as Investment and Loan rose 3.9 per cent from 169.8 to 176.5 and Banks moved 0.3 per cent higher from 147.9 to 148.3.

The index of Mining stocks advanced 6.1 per cent from 102.0 to 108.2 reflecting increases of 8.1 per cent from 114.0 to 123.2 for Golds and 4.8 per cent from 95.4 to 100.0 for Base Metals.

Both supplementary indexes were higher with Uraniums up 11.2 per cent from 80.3 to 89.3 and Primary Oils and Gas up 3.4 per cent from 84.1 to 87.0.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Sept. 24th	Sept. 17th	Sept. 10th	Sept. 3rd	Aug. 27th	Sept. 1964	Aug. 1964	Sept. 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	111	168.9	167.1	166.2	165.1	164.6	166.8	164.7	138.0
Industrials	77	173.1	170.9	169.4	168.5	168.4	170.5	168.3	136.0
Utilities	20	161.3	161.2	161.6	159.1	157.3	160.8	157.3	138.3
Finance ¹	14	158.1	156.2	156.2	155.7	155.5	156.6	156.4	146.8
Banks	6	148.3	147.4	148.4	148.4	147.9	148.1	149.2	139.9
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	108.2	105.3	102.0	101.2	102.0	104.2	101.0	91.8
Golds	16	123.2	116.1	111.3	111.9	114.0	115.6	112.8	112.8
Base Metals	8	100.0	99.4	96.9	95.3	95.4	97.9	94.5	80.2
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	89.3	84.4	84.6	82.8	80.3	85.3	79.0	93.0
Primary Oils and Gas	7	87.0	85.9	87.6	87.5	84.1	87.0	83.7	66.5

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index increased 0.1 per cent to 138.9 in September from 138.7 in August, as both the shelter and household operation components increased slightly. Rent and home-ownership costs were higher in shelter. Slightly higher prices for furniture, floor coverings, textiles, and household supplies moved the household operation component.

The Clothing index was 0.4 per cent higher at 119.4 from 118.9 reflecting generally higher prices for men's, women's, and children's wear, footwear, piece goods and clothing services.

The Transportation index at 141.6 was 0.1 per cent higher than its August level of 141.4. Higher prices for automobile repairs, batteries, tires and lubrication outweighed a small decline in gasoline prices.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.1 per cent to 167.7 from 167.5 as the personal care component moved slightly higher.

The Recreation and Reading index declined 0.4 per cent to 150.9 from 151.5 as a result of sale prices for magazine subscriptions and a slight decrease in the price of television repairs.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 120.2.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index was 135.6 in October 1964, unchanged from September but 1.5 per cent higher than the October 1963 index of 133.6. In the current period, decreases in the Food and Transportation components offset increases in the remaining five main components of the index, viz, Housing, Clothing, Health and Personal Care, Recreation and Reading, and Tobacco and Alcohol.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		October	September	August	October
All-Items	100	135.6	135.6	136.1	133.6
Food	27	131.0	132.7	135.1	130.4
Housing (2)	32	139.2	138.9	138.7	136.6
Clothing	11	120.7	119.4	118.9	118.3
Transportation	12	141.4	141.6	141.4	141.2
Health and Personal Care	7	170.4	167.7	167.5	163.8
Recreation and Reading	5	151.1	150.9	151.5	150.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	121.4	120.2	120.2	118.1

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index declined 1.3 per cent to 131.0 from 132.7. Prices were lower for local fresh fruit and vegetables, beef, fresh pork, eggs, sugar, and coffee, while increases occurred for imported fruit, and cured pork.

The Housing index was 139.2, up 0.2 per cent from 138.9 in September. Increased home-ownership costs moved the shelter component, while

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, edged up 0.3 per cent from 261.1 to 261.9 in the three-week period October 2nd to October 23rd. Prices for seven commodities advanced and eight declined, while fifteen remained unchanged. Principal changes included increases for domestic lead, domestic zinc, tin, cottonseed oil, oats, raw rubber and white lead, and decreases for sisal, hogs, beef hides, raw cotton and steers.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets eased 0.2 per cent from 214.0 to 213.5. The Animal Products index declined 1.5 per cent from 265.4 to 261.5, reflecting lower prices for hogs, lambs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets, poultry in the East, and calves and raw wool in the West. Prices were higher for eggs both East and West, and for fluid milk in the West. The Field Products index rose 1.8 per cent from 162.7 to 165.6 as potato prices showed sharply higher on both Eastern and Western markets, and more moderate increases were reported for peas and hay in the East. Prices were lower for rye on both markets, corn in the East and hay in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Oct. 30th	Oct. 23rd	Oct. 16th	Oct. 9th	Oct. 2nd	Oct.(P) 1964	Sept. 1964	Oct. 1963
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E	261.9	260.7	260.2	261.1	260.7	258.8	254.9
Canadian Farm Products		213.5	214.7	213.3	214.0	214.7	215.9	216.7
Field		165.6	163.7	163.1	162.7	163.7	162.2	163.3
Animal		261.5	265.6	263.4	265.4	265.6	269.6	270.1
Regional Indexes:	N O T A V A I L A B L E							
Eastern Canada		228.0	227.3	226.1	227.3	227.3	228.8	229.6
Western Canada		199.1	202.0	200.4	200.8	202.0	202.9	203.9

1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes subsequent to July 1963 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, advanced 0.2 per cent from 170.1 to 170.5 in the four-week period October 1st to October 29th. Among the three major groups, Industrials advanced 0.3 per cent from 174.5 to 175.1, Utilities moved down 0.2 per cent from 163.2 to 162.9 and Finance eased 0.1 per cent from 157.6 to 157.5. Within Industrials, indexes for seven of the thirteen sub-groups advanced and six declined. Gains were headed by Petroleum up 4.2 per cent from 118.6 to 123.6 and Non-metallic Minerals up 1.5 per cent from 155.2 to 157.6 while losses were led by Construction down 2.2 per cent from 78.6 to 76.9. In Utilities, three of the five sub-groups declined while two advanced. Principal changes were Transportation down 2.3 per cent from 173.5 to 169.5 and Telephones up 2.5 per cent from 134.7 to 138.1. Within Finance, the index for Investment and Loan declined 0.5 per cent from 175.5 to 174.7 while Banks rose 0.2 per cent from 148.0 to 148.3.

In the same period, the index of Mining stocks advanced 2.1 per cent from 109.6 to 111.9 reflecting increases of 2.9 per cent for Base Metals from 101.4 to 104.3 and 1.0 per cent for Golds from 124.5 to 125.7.

Both supplementary indexes showed lower with Uraniums down 11.5 per cent from 89.4 to 79.1 and Primary Oils and Gas down 3.5 per cent from 86.0 to 83.0.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Oct. 29th	Oct. 22nd	Oct. 15th	Oct. 8th	Oct. 1st	Oct. 1964	Sept. 1964	Oct. 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	108	170.5	171.3	170.2	171.8	170.1	170.8	166.8	139.3
Industrials	74	175.1	176.1	174.8	176.4	174.5	175.4	170.5	137.6
Utilities	20	162.9	164.4	162.8	165.0	163.2	163.7	160.8	139.5
Finance ¹	14	157.5	156.6	157.0	157.7	157.6	157.3	156.6	146.7
Banks	6	148.3	147.7	147.6	147.9	148.0	147.9	148.1	140.6
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	111.9	111.9	109.7	109.6	109.6	110.5	104.2	90.3
Golds	16	125.7	126.6	124.9	123.4	124.5	125.0	115.6	106.5
Base Metals	8	104.3	103.8	101.4	102.0	101.4	102.6	97.9	81.5
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	79.1	81.7	83.1	86.7	89.4	84.0	85.3	93.4
Primary Oils and Gas	7	83.0	85.2	84.7	86.7	86.0	85.1	87.0	67.1

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

in household operation higher prices for coal in a number of cities outweighed lower prices for some household supplies. Mixed and offsetting price movements occurred for homefurnishings including furniture, appliances, floor coverings, textiles, and utensils and equipment.

The Clothing index was 1.1 per cent higher at 120.7 from 119.4, mainly as a result of higher prices for women's and children's winter coats, and jewellery. Prices for men's wear, women's shoes and cotton piece goods were down slightly.

The Transportation index decreased 0.1 per cent to 141.4 from 141.6. Lower gasoline prices in Ontario and Quebec moved the automobile operation component while a slight increase in interurban bus fares was insufficient to move the travel component.

The Health and Personal Care index was 170.4, up 1.6 per cent from its September level of 167.7. The health care component was higher as a result of widespread increases for doctors' and dentists' fees, and scattered increases for optical care, and prepaid medical care. Higher prices for personal supplies moved the personal care component.

The Recreation and Reading index edged up 0.1 per cent to 151.1 from 150.9 with both the recreation and reading components increasing slightly. Higher prices for admission to sporting events, and for radios, phonograph records and bicycles moved the recreation component, and in the reading component an increase in the price of newspapers occurred.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index advanced 1.0 per cent to 121.4 from 120.2. Higher cigarette prices in all provinces increased the tobacco index, while some price increases for liquor in the Province of Quebec were not sufficient to move the alcoholic beverages index.

NOTE

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PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada increased 0.2 per cent to 135.9 at the beginning of November 1964, from 135.6 in October. The November index was 1.4 per cent higher than the November 1963 index. Six of the seven main components increased in the current period, with the Transportation component unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		November	October	September	November
All-Items	100	135.9	135.6	135.6	134.0
Food	27	132.0	131.0	132.7	130.8
Housing (2)	32	139.3	139.2	138.9	136.9
Clothing	11	120.9	120.7	119.4	118.7
Transportation	12	141.4	141.4	141.6	141.2
Health and Personal Care	7	171.1	170.4	167.7	164.8
Recreation and Reading	5	152.3	151.1	150.9	151.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	121.6	121.4	120.2	118.5

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
 (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The Food index was 0.8 per cent higher at 132.0 in November, compared with 131.0 in October. Prices increased for eggs, lard, beef, oranges, potatoes, tomatoes, celery, dairy products, and honey, while lower prices were reported for sugar, grapefruit, bananas, apples, lettuce, cabbage, onions, canned fruit and vegetables, and fresh and cured pork.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.6 per cent from 261.8 to 260.1 in the four-week period October 30th to November 27th. Prices for 9 commodities declined and 4 advanced, while 17 remained unchanged. Principal changes included decreases for sisal, raw sugar, tin, raw wool and raw rubber, and increases for hogs, steers, beef hides and cottonseed oil.

In the same four-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 1.8 per cent from 213.7 to 217.5. The Field Products Index rose 2.7 per cent from 165.6 to 170.1 reflecting sharp price increases for tobacco and oats and lesser increases for barley, peas, and wheat in Eastern markets and for hay and potatoes in the West. Prices were lower for corn and potatoes in the East. The Animal Products Index increased 1.1 per cent from 261.8 to 264.8 with higher prices for calves, hogs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets and for lambs in the East. Prices declined sharply for eggs on both markets and more moderately for raw wool in the West.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
	Nov. 27th	Nov. 20th	Nov. 13th	Nov. 6th	Oct. 30th	Nov.(P) 1964	Oct. 1964	Nov. 1963
Industrial Materials	260.1	259.6	260.4	262.2	261.8	260.4	258.9	258.8
Canadian Farm Products	217.5	217.5	215.8	214.4	213.7	215.8	214.7	216.5
Field	170.1	169.8	165.8	166.4	165.6	165.8	163.7	163.1
Animal	264.8	265.3	265.7	262.5	261.8	265.7	265.7	269.8
Regional Indexes:								
Eastern Canada	234.2	233.7	229.7	229.1	227.9	229.7	227.4	230.4
Western Canada	200.7	201.4	201.8	199.8	199.5	201.8	202.0	202.6

1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes subsequent to July 1963 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P)- Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, advanced 1.0 per cent from 170.5 to 172.2 in the four-week period October 29th to November 26th. Indexes for all three major groups increased as Utilities rose 2.0 per cent from 162.9 to 166.1, Finance moved up 0.9 per cent from 157.5 to 158.9 and Industrial advanced 0.8 per cent from 175.1 to 176.5. Within Utilities, indexes for all five sub-groups advanced led by Gas Distribution up 3.3 per cent from 257.8 to 266.2 and Transportation up 3.2 per cent from 169.5 to 174.9. Both sub-groups in Finance showed gains with Banks up 0.9 per cent from 148.3 to 149.7 and Investment and Loan up 0.8 per cent from 174.7 to 176.1. In Industrials, indexes for ten of the thirteen sub-groups advanced and three declined. Gains were headed by Printing and Publishing up 8.4 per cent from 330.0 to 357.6 and Non-metallic Minerals up 3.9 per cent from 157.6 to 163.8, while losses were led by Pulp and Paper down 5.5 per cent from 176.6 to 166.8.

The index of Mining stock prices declined 0.8 per cent from 111.9 to 111.0, reflecting a decrease of 3.0 per cent for Base Metals from 104.3 to 101.2 and an increase of 2.6 per cent for Golds from 125.7 to 129.0.

Of the two supplementary price indexes, Primary Oils and Gas advanced 6.0 per cent from 83.0 to 88.0 and Uraniums rose 0.9 per cent from 79.1 to 79.8.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Nov. 26th	Nov. 19th	Nov. 12th	Nov. 5th	Oct. 29th	Nov. 1964	Oct. 1964	Nov. 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	107	172.2	174.2	174.4	173.4	170.5	173.6	170.8	137.8
Industrials	73	176.5	178.5	179.0	178.5	175.1	178.1	175.4	136.5
Utilities	20	166.1	167.8	168.8	165.5	162.9	167.0	163.7	137.0
Finance ¹	14	158.9	161.2	159.1	158.8	157.5	159.5	157.3	144.8
Banks	6	149.7	151.3	148.9	149.0	148.3	149.7	147.9	138.2
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	111.0	113.9	115.0	113.5	111.9	113.4	110.5	87.6
Golds	16	129.0	131.6	132.2	128.9	125.7	130.4	125.0	102.0
Base Metals	8	101.2	104.2	105.6	105.1	104.3	104.0	102.6	79.6
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	79.8	80.0	80.5	81.0	79.1	80.3	84.0	89.7
Primary Oils and Gas	7	88.0	89.5	89.5	87.1	83.0	88.5	85.1	66.6

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (Continued from Page 1)
(1949=100)

The Housing index edged up 0.1 per cent to 139.3 from 139.2 as both the shelter and household operation components increased fractionally. In shelter, home-ownership prices increased slightly while rent was unchanged. In the household operation component, prices were higher for furniture, sheets, and dishes while those for household supplies were mixed.

The Clothing index increased 0.2 per cent to 120.9 from 120.7 in October, reflecting higher prices for some items of men's and children's wear, footwear, and laundry and dry cleaning services. Prices for women's winter wear, and cotton and wool dress material were lower.

The Transportation index was unchanged at 141.4, despite a slight increase in taxi fares in Regina.

The Health and Personal Care index advanced 0.4 per cent to 171.1 from 170.4. Higher prices for prescriptions and other pharmaceutical items were not sufficient to move the health care component but the personal care component advanced as a result of increased prices for personal supplies, men's haircuts, and women's hairdressing.

The Recreation and Reading index rose 0.8 per cent to 152.3 from 151.1. Higher prices for motion picture admissions and camera film outweighed lower prices for bicycles and sports equipment to move the recreation component. The reading component was unchanged.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was 0.2 per cent higher at 121.6 from 121.4. Both the tobacco and alcohol components increased with higher prices for cigarettes and cigarette tobacco in some cities, and higher liquor prices in Manitoba.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada advanced 0.7 per cent to 136.8 in December 1964, from 135.9 in November. The December index was 1.9 per cent higher than the December 1963 index of 134.2. In the current period, six of the seven main components increased, with the Tobacco and Alcohol index unchanged.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Component Weights (1)	1964			1963
		December	November	October	December
All-Items	100	136.8	135.9	135.6	134.2
Food	27	133.2	132.0	131.0	131.4
Housing (2)	32	139.6	139.3	139.2	137.0
Clothing	11	121.0	120.9	120.7	118.9
Transportation	12	142.7	141.4	141.4	140.6
Health and Personal Care	7	174.3	171.1	170.4	165.4
Recreation and Reading	5	153.5	152.3	151.1	151.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	121.6	121.6	121.4	118.5

- (1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.
 (2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The December Food index of 133.2 was 0.9 per cent above the previous month's index of 132.0. Higher prices were reported for fresh vegetables, particularly lettuce and tomatoes, and for fats, and powdered skim milk, while prices were lower for eggs, grapefruit, and canned orange juice, with slight decreases for most cuts of beef and pork, and turkey.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)¹

(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.9 per cent from 259.1 to 256.7 in the three-week period December 4th to December 24th. Prices for nine commodities declined and four advanced, while seventeen remained unchanged. Principal changes included decreases for tin, raw sugar, raw wool and hogs, and increases for white lead and raw rubber.

In the same three-week period the price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 1.1 per cent from 217.9 to 220.4. The Field Products index rose 2.4 per cent from 171.0 to 175.1 reflecting a sharp increase for potatoes on both Eastern and Western markets and lesser increases for tobacco, corn and hay in the East, and rye in the West. Prices were lower for hay in the West. The Animal Products index increased 0.4 per cent from 264.7 to 265.7 reflecting sharp price increases for calves in the West and lambs in the East, and more moderate increases for eggs on both markets and calves and poultry in the East. Prices were lower for hogs and raw wool on both Eastern and Western markets.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

		1964 Week Ended					Monthly Indexes		
		Dec. 31st	Dec. 24th	Dec. 18th	Dec. 11th	Dec. 4th	Dec.(P) 1964	Nov. 1964	Dec. 1963
Industrial Materials	A V A I L A B L E		256.7	257.5	258.4	259.1	257.5	258.5	257.5
Canadian Farm Products			220.4	220.3	220.2	217.9	220.3	215.8	213.9
Field			175.1	175.1	173.8	171.0	175.1	165.9	164.7
Animal			265.7	265.5	266.6	264.7	265.5	265.7	263.1
Regional Indexes:	N O T A V A I L A B L E								
Eastern Canada			239.4	239.4	239.0	235.3	239.4	229.7	228.3
Western Canada			201.5	201.2	201.4	200.4	201.2	201.9	199.5

1 - All 1964 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian Farm Products, indexes subsequent to July 1963 are subject to revision as and when participation payments are announced for Western grains.

(P) - Preliminary.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

(1956 = 100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices, on the base 1956=100, was 170.6 at December 31st, unchanged from the index at the beginning of the four-week period December 3rd to December 31st. Among the three major groups, Utilities advanced 1.2 per cent from 164.7 to 166.7, Finance declined 0.3 per cent from 158.7 to 158.2 and Industrials eased 0.2 per cent from 174.5 to 174.1. Within Utilities, indexes for four of the five sub-groups advanced. Principal changes were Transportation up 11.3 per cent from 172.1 to 191.5, Gas Distribution up 3.6 per cent from 260.7 to 270.1, and Electric Power down 7.5 per cent from 133.5 to 123.5. In Finance, the index for Banks declined 1.1 per cent from 149.5 to 147.9 and Investment and Loan rose 0.9 per cent from 175.9 to 177.5. Within Industrials, indexes for five sub-groups declined, seven increased and one remained unchanged. Losses were headed by Metal Fabricating down 3.6 per cent from 143.2 to 138.0 and Industrial Mines down 1.5 per cent from 184.8 to 182.1, while gains were led by Textiles and Clothing up 6.7 per cent from 326.2 to 348.1 and Non-metallic Minerals up 6.4 per cent from 159.6 to 169.8.

In the same period, the index of Mining stock prices advanced 6.2 per cent from 110.5 to 117.3, reflecting a sharp increase for golds of 15.7 per cent from 130.7 to 151.2 and a minor decrease of 0.6 per cent for Base Metals from 99.4 to 98.8.

Of the two supplementary price indexes, Uraniums moved up sharply 15.6 per cent from 80.3 to 92.8 and Primary Oils and Gas eased 0.3 per cent from 87.0 to 86.7.

Weekly Security Price Indexes (1956 = 100)

	Number of Stocks Priced	1964 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
		Dec. 31st	Dec. 24th	Dec. 17th	Dec. 10th	Dec. 3rd	Dec. 1964	Nov. 1964	Dec. 1963
Investors Price Index:									
Total Index	107	170.6	169.8	168.1	168.0	170.6	169.4	173.6	139.8
Industrials	73	174.1	173.5	171.8	171.8	174.5	173.1	178.1	139.2
Utilities	20	166.7	164.4	162.2	161.9	164.7	164.0	167.0	137.6
Finance ¹	14	158.2	158.2	157.3	157.3	158.7	157.9	159.5	145.2
Banks	6	147.9	148.6	148.4	148.7	149.5	148.6	149.7	139.4
Mining Stock Price Index:									
Total Index	24	117.3	112.1	112.7	110.5	110.5	112.6	113.4	86.5
Golds	16	151.2	136.5	140.7	133.3	130.7	138.5	130.4	100.2
Base Metals	8	98.8	98.7	97.4	98.0	99.4	98.5	104.0	78.9
Supplementary Indexes:									
Uraniums	6	92.8	89.5	88.6	79.5	80.3	86.1	80.3	85.0
Primary Oils and Gas	7	86.7	86.1	85.6	85.9	87.0	86.3	88.5	66.6

¹ Composed of Banks and Investment and Loan.

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The Housing index increased 0.2 per cent to 139.6 from 139.3 as a result of higher indexes for both the shelter and household operation components. In shelter, rent was unchanged despite increased prices for repairs, while home-ownership prices were higher. The household operation component moved upward with the imposition of a 5 per cent tax in Manitoba on gas, electricity and telephone rates and with increased prices for carpets and some household supplies.

The Clothing index edged up 0.1 per cent to 121.0 from 120.9 mainly as a result of higher prices for clothing services, cotton and wool dress material, and footwear. Price movements for men's, women's and children's wear were mixed and offsetting.

The Transportation index rose 0.9 per cent to 142.7 from 141.4, reflecting an increase in the automobile operation component. Initial prices of 1965 models of new passenger cars were higher than year-end prices of 1964 models. Gasoline prices decreased in some cities but not sufficiently to offset increases in other areas.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 1.9 per cent to 174.3 from 171.1 as a result of higher rates for prepaid medical care in Ontario. The personal care component was fractionally higher with an increase in personal care supplies.

The Recreation and Reading index at 153.5 was 0.8 per cent higher than the previous month's index of 152.3, primarily reflecting higher prices for magazine subscriptions and an increase in the price of newspapers, in the reading component. The recreation component was fractionally higher as bicycle prices moved up slightly.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 121.6 as lower prices for imported whiskey in British Columbia were not sufficient to move the alcoholic beverages component.

NOTE

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